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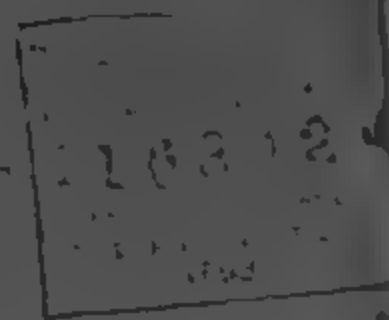


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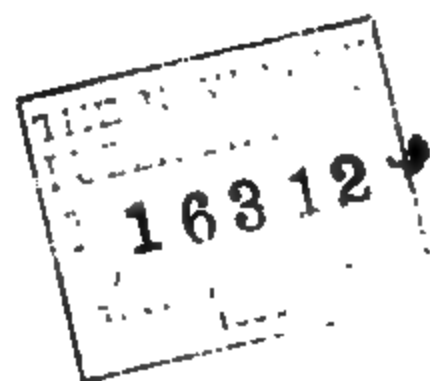
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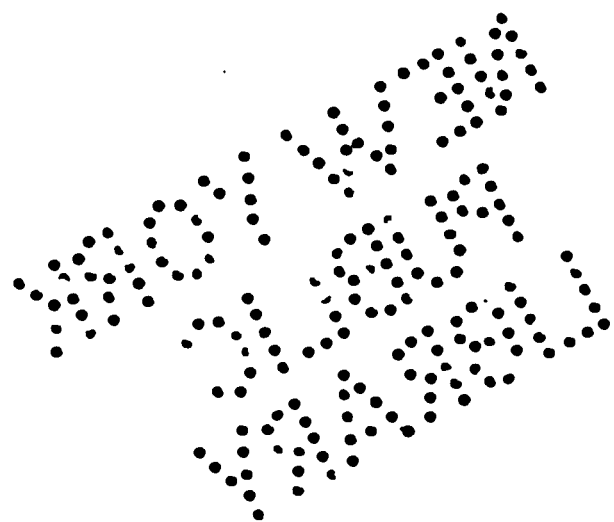
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Janitor: J. W. SINCLAIR.

ANNUAL REPORT.

I.—REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with no ordinary satisfaction we lay before you the First Report of the Mitchell Library. Though the Library has been open since November, 1877, we have not until now offered to you any general Report on our progress; but no one can read the following pages without feeling that a great want in the city has in a measure been supplied, and that the institution has been largely taken advantage of.

It appears desirable in this first general Report to mention briefly the circumstances of the foundation of the Library. The late Mr. Stephen Mitchell died on the 21st of April, 1874. On the 6th of May following his trustees intimated to the Town Council that he had left his estate, subject to a few legacies and annuities, to the City of Glasgow, "for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all modern accessories connected therewith." He directed that the trust-fund "should be allowed to accumulate until it should amount to £70,000." The trust was accepted by the Town Council on the 16th of July, 1874.

The first purchase of books was the library of the late Professor Cosmo Innes, consisting of nearly 2000 volumes. This purchase included, in addition to works of a general character, many valuable works in genealogical and historical literature, comprising books printed by the Bannatyne, Maitland, Spalding, and other Clubs, a number of the rare and costly family histories edited by Mr. William Fraser, some presentation copies of privately-printed books, etc. Thereafter there were purchased at the sale of the library of the Rev. W. Stevenson, D.D., Professor of Divinity and Ecclesiastical History in Edinburgh University, a considerable number of valuable works, principally historical; and from the Senate of Glasgow University, a large number of volumes, being the duplicates in the splendid library of the late William Euing, Esq. Other purchases of books were made from the libraries of the late Robert Napier, Esq., of Shandon, and Lord Neaves.

In 1876 the Committee resolved to secure the services of a Librarian, and advertised accordingly in the local and literary journals. From among a large number of applicants they selected Mr. F. T. Barrett, Sub-Librarian of the Reference Library at

Birmingham, and his appointment was confirmed by the Town Council in February, 1877. The committee had received from Councillor Neil a generous offer of the free use for five years of a large flat in East Ingram-Street, and considering that this would not afford sufficient space, had taken from Mr. Neil for the same period the flat below. The two flats together afford nearly 8,000 square feet of floor space. The fitting and furnishing of these rooms was then proceeded with, and large additional purchases of books made; and the Library was opened in November, 1877, by the Hon. James Bain, Lord Provost. At the inauguration, addresses were delivered by the Lord Provost, by Ex-Bailie Salmon, then convener of the committee, by Rev. Professor Dickson, Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang, Mr. Michael Connal, and other gentlemen.

Since that date the committee, who meet monthly, have purchased from lists laid before them from 100 to 200 volumes at each meeting. These lists are made up of, first, books enquired for by readers; and, second, books suggested by the Librarian. In deciding on these lists the committee have had for their guidance the will of the testator, "that to the Library books on all subjects not immoral should be freely admitted, and which word immoral shall not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions," and endeavour to the best of their judgment to give effect to his wishes.

Finance.—The sum transferred by Mr. Mitchell's trustees to the Town Council was £66,998 10s. 6d., and the sum standing at the credit of the Library at 30th November last was £65,628 9s. 9d. It thus appears that the Library of 28,000 volumes has been acquired; the rooms furnished comfortably and fittingly, if plainly, with book-cases, chairs and tables for 350 readers, and all other necessities; and that more than two years' work, including the issue of nearly 600,000 volumes, and at least half that number of references to periodicals, has been done practically out of interest, the diminution of the capital sum being so slight. Your committee think this a result to which they can refer with satisfaction. Owing to the limited accommodation at their command, they are desirous of keeping the present sum of £65,000 intact, and consequently they spend only the interest, which, after payment of annuities, amounts to £2,500 per annum, allotted as follows in the estimate of expenditure:—Books, £700; periodicals, £150; binding, £120; printing and stationery, £80; salaries and wages, £800; rent, £330; coal, gas, and water, £80; rates and taxes, £50; fittings and furniture, £50; sundries, £40; insurance, £50.

Amalgamation with Stirling's Public Library.—The idea having been mooted that it would be to the public advantage that the two libraries should be joined, various meetings and conferences have taken place between the committee of the Mitchell Library and

the directors of Stirling's Public Library. A free and friendly exchange of opinions has taken place at various meetings, and the services of Dr. Marwick have been placed at our disposal in certain negotiations. We are not without hope that the result may in the end be to the advantage of both institutions.

Library Buildings.—Your committee had hoped that a building for the Library worthy of this great city might have formed a part of the plans of the new Municipal Buildings, but it has not been found possible to get this expectation realized. Doubtless, were a permanent, fitting, and attractive building secured, many book-collectors would prefer to have their treasures preserved in the institution rather than dispersed by sale.

Donations.—Your committee acknowledge with much pleasure many donations of books, of which a list will be found in an Appendix. They desire to name here the Senate of the University of Glasgow, who presented about 2000 volumes from the duplicates of the University Library, Lord Provost Collins, Messrs. Blackie & Son, Mr. A. Glen Collins, Mr. MacLehose, etc., etc. They wish to thank also the Rev. Professor Dickson, Dr. Russell, Dr. Wallace, Mr. J. B. Murdoch, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. James Thomson, and other gentlemen, who very kindly looked over and advised on the lists of books from which the purchases before the opening of the Library were made. They take this opportunity of acknowledging also, with thanks, the splendid and valuable series of photographs presented to the Library, at the request of the Convener, by the Water Commissioners, and by the Improvement Trust. Those given by the former consist of views of the course of the water supply from Loch Katrine to Glasgow; by the latter, of many of the interesting old buildings—landmarks, in fact—removed during the operations of the Trust. These photographs adorn the walls of the Library, and are greatly prized by the citizens. To the Clyde Navigation Trustees the Library is indebted for a series of drawings showing the progress of the improvements effected in the river and harbour for more than a hundred years.

Your committee have to report that, with few exceptions, the conduct of the readers has been all that could be desired. Excellent order and quietude have been maintained. Many readers are observed making notes and extracts from the books they are reading, and oftentimes copies and sketches are made from illustrations of ornament, of architecture, of natural history, of technical processes, and of art workmanship.

Your committee had under their consideration in May, 1879, the desirability of having a bust or portrait of the late Mr. Stephen Mitchell placed in the Library. After numerous applications to friends and acquaintances, they at last, through the kindness of Mr. Reid, one of the executors, procured from Mrs. Tod of Moffat,

a silhouette portrait taken many years ago, and considered a capital likeness. Without at all committing themselves to any action, your committee have placed this portrait in the hands of Mr. Mossman, with the view of ascertaining whether it will be possible to prepare with its aid a bust worthy of the institution.

In conclusion, your committee congratulate the Council and the City on the very encouraging experience of the opening years of the Library, and see in it a promise of remarkable usefulness and success in the future, and they trust that ere long adequate means may be forthcoming to give it its full development.

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener*.

GLASGOW, 23rd March, 1880.

II.—REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

In conformity with your direction, I beg leave respectfully to submit my first Report on the position and progress of the Library.

It is my duty and privilege to report that the Library has, since its opening, made rapid progress, and been attended with an unusual degree of success. The Library was declared open by the Hon. the Lord Provost, Sir James Bain, on 1st November, 1877, and the issue of books was commenced on the following Monday. At that time there were in the Library 14,432 volumes, and the number issued on the first day was 186. At 31st December, 1879, the Library contained more than 28,000 volumes, and the daily issue had, during the previous three months, averaged 1,459 volumes. The regularity as well as the extent of the increase is shown in the following series of daily averages during successive half-years:—

	Volumes issued Daily.		
November and December, 1877,	395
January to June, 1878,	505
July to December, 1878,	753
January to June, 1879,	1179
July to December, 1879,	1294

At the end of the second year of the Library's existence, the accommodation, after being increased to the greatest extent possible

in the present rooms, has often been too small for the readers present; and the issue, it is believed, largely exceeds that of any single provincial library in the country, excepting only the Reference Library at Liverpool.

The libraries with which as a class the Mitchell Library has most in common are the Reference departments of the free public libraries of Great Britain. These, it is true, are maintained by rates levied under the authority of Free Libraries Acts, while it has for support the interest of the trust fund; but as regards the conditions of admission, the hours open, and the general arrangements, it may be classed with them.

The three provincial Reference Libraries which have been most successful are those of Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham, and a comparison of the reading at these with that here may be permitted, and perhaps will be of interest. Taking in each case the last published Report, it appears that at Liverpool there were issued, on an average, 1845 volumes daily; at Manchester, 524; at Birmingham, 424; at the Mitchell Library, 1237. If the class Fiction be omitted, the numbers would be—Liverpool, 1036; Mitchell, 1145. In the above comparison the use made of current periodicals is omitted throughout, in order to obtain a common basis. The Report of Birmingham is that for 1877, the statistics for the year 1878 having perished with the Library in the deplorable fire in January, 1879. It should be kept in mind, however, in considering the foregoing statement of comparative issues, that at Manchester and Birmingham there are numerous Free Lending Libraries and News-Rooms, and that these, no doubt, attract many of the readers who, but for them, would visit the Reference Libraries. At Liverpool there are two Free Lending Libraries, but no News-Rooms; in Glasgow there are neither.

The temporary Library Rooms.—The rooms in which the Library is for the present located have on the whole proved much more suitable for the purpose than could have been anticipated. The arrangement adopted, of placing the books at the east-end of the rooms, and furnishing the west-end with tables and chairs for readers, with the catalogues and service counter between, has worked very well, and has enabled the staff to provide readers with the books desired with much promptitude and regularity. The greatest difficulty has been in the matter of ventilation. For library purposes the rooms should have much higher ceilings. A number of expedients have been adopted, with some success, to keep the air in better condition, but there is still much to desire. And the rooms are clearly inadequate as to space; there is now accommodation for 350 readers, but this has repeatedly been insufficient, and there can be no doubt that the overcrowded condition of the rooms must have deterred some from coming.

The Selection of Books to form the Library.—On commencing the preparation of the lists of the books which should compose the Library, the following general principles, quoted from the preface of the catalogue of the Reference Library at Birmingham, were approved by you:—

I.—That the Library should, as far as practicable, represent every phase of human thought and every variety of opinion.

II.—That books of permanent value and of standard interest should form the principal portion of the Library, and that modern books of value and importance should be added from time to time as they are published.

III.—That it should contain those rare and costly works which are generally out of the reach of individual students, and which are not usually found in provincial or private libraries.

A minor principle to be observed was, that it was not desirable to purchase expensive works, which are already accessible in the University Library or in Stirling's Public Library.

The lists prepared in conformity with the above principles were approved and lithographed, and copies of them sent out to leading booksellers in Glasgow, Edinburgh, London, and other places, with a circular inviting offers of such as were in stock. By this means the books were purchased with great advantage to the Library, as there were in most cases a number of offers to select from.

Growth of the Library.—At the opening of the Library it possessed 14,432 volumes, as has been already stated. This number had been increased at 31st Dec., 1877, to 15,244; at 31st Dec., 1878, to 22,972; and at 31st Dec., 1879, to 28,532. Below are tables showing the number of volumes in each class, and giving other information respecting the contents of the Library.

Number of volumes in each class:—

Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History,	4,279
History, Biography, Voyages and Travels, ...	6,793
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce, ...	2,445
Arts, Sciences, Natural History, ...	5,218
Poetry and Drama, including the "Poets' Corner,"	3,740
Linguistics, ...	547
Prose Fiction, ...	160
Miscellaneous Literature, ...	4,800
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Total, ...	27,982
Duplicates, ...	550
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	28,532

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example, in the department of Foreign History and Topography, the works on Asia and Asiatic countries are placed together in one press—the larger books on the lower, and the smaller on the upper shelves. On each shelf the books are arranged in geographical order, commencing with the western and ending with the eastern countries of Asia, the result being that all the works relating to Palestine, Syria, etc., are at the left hand, or first end of the shelves, while books on China, Japan, and the east coast, are at the right hand or last end, with the central parts of Asia between. The adjacency of books on the same subject is thus secured, but is made vertical instead of, as is more usual, horizontal; and the waste and unsightliness of varying sizes of books on the same shelf is avoided. A similar plan of arrangement is attempted in other classes, though it is no doubt true that all subjects do not lend themselves to this treatment so readily as topography does.

The Catalogue.—The alphabetical form of catalogue has been adopted, from a strong conviction of its great superiority in libraries frequented by the general public. Each work is entered, under the name of its author, when known, under its subject or subjects, and under its title, when that does not name the subject. A few examples are appended:—“Farrar’s ‘Eternal Hope’ is under FARRAR, Eternal, and Future State; Ruskin’s ‘Unto this Last’ is under RUSKIN, Unto, and Political Economy; Jebb’s ‘Attic Orators’ is under each of those three words; Ruskin’s ‘Aratra Pentelici’ is under RUSKIN, Aratra, and Sculpture; Blackie’s ‘Horæ Hellenici’ is under BLACKIE, Horæ, and Greece.

The result of this arrangement is that a reader, wishing to see a work by any given author, refers to his name, and sees at once if it is in the Library; while a reader, who desires to see what the Library possesses on a given subject, finds under the name of that subject what books may be seen.

To illustrate the manner in which these entries under subjects place the reader in command of the resources of the Library in the subjects on which he is seeking information, the following may be named, the numbers following them showing how many works in each case are already in the Catalogue:—Agriculture, 20; Art, 108; Bible, 110; Bibliography, 56; Biography, 50; Botany, 65; Chemistry, 51; Christianity, 52; Church, 64; Dictionary, 104; Edinburgh, 40; Egypt, 30; Engineering, 24; England, 162; Entomology, 27; France, 56; Future State, 17; Geography, 30; Geology, 60; Glasgow, 153; Grammar, 51; Greece, 48; History, 47; India, 48; Iron, 12; Italy, 31; Jesus, 30; Language, 90; Literature, 76; London, 33; Music, 36; Natural History, 85; Ornithology, 32; Painting, 36; Philosophy, 61; Physiology, 28; Poetry, 109; Religion, 32; Rome, 59;

Russia, 28; Science, 50; Scotland, 462; Sermons, 70; Testament, Old and New, 64; United States, 31; Zoology, 21.

It is hoped that, during the coming year, it may be found practicable to add to the Catalogue an arrangement of the subject-headings, which will afford to readers some at least of the advantages of the classified form of catalogue. The idea is to enter under each principal subject-heading a list of the minor headings in its own class, and at each of these to refer to the major entry for a list of related subjects. Thus, under the word *Art*, would be catalogued the books which treat of art generally, and an entry would follow, "See also under Design, Drawing, Ornament, Painting," and other like subjects, and at each of these the instruction,—“For a list of related subjects, see under *Art*.” With a view to obtain still further the advantages of a catalogue arranged in classes, a classified list of the subject-headings may be prefixed. When the Library has attained a greater degree of completeness, and the various subjects have a fuller and more proportionate representation, it may be proper to issue the Catalogue in book form, but that is not recommended at present. In the meantime, slips are printed as books are added, and mounted in order, in large guard-books, for the use of the readers. The question of a catalogue on slips or cards has had much consideration, and it is proposed to use that form for some special departments; but I am not as yet prepared to advise its adoption for the general catalogue for public use.

Issue.—In the introductory remarks, a general statement is made as to the number of books issued to readers. The following tables furnish detailed particulars. The number of volumes issued in each class in each month is given, with daily averages. In the lines which appear under the totals are some features which, it is hoped, will be thought of interest. The first line gives the percentage of the whole issue in each class. The second, the number of volumes issued daily in each class. The last, the “turnover,” a phrase which has come to be used to indicate the number of times any class, or the whole Library, has been out in the year. During the month of November, 1879, were issued the largest number of volumes in any one month, in any one week, and on any one day, viz, 40,158 in the month, 10,213 in the week ended 22nd, and 2156 on Saturday the 22nd. The number issued during November and December, 1877, was 18,970; in 1878, 194,314; in 1879, 379,748. Total, 593,032.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1878.

Days Open.	Month	Theology, Philosophy, Eccelesial History.	History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and The Drama.	Linguistics	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Total Issues in each Month.	Daily Average in each Month.
26	January,	1,086	3,972	205	2,185	1,125	364		3,440	12,877	476
24	February,	1,089	4,156	183	2,186	1,085	315		3,924	12,917	538
26	March,	1,369	3,983	252	2,521	1,125	304		4,275	13,829	532
26	April,	1,34	3,704	219	2,554	1,382	252		3,851	12,996	520
26	May,	1,078	3,656	166	2,717	1,196	299		3,674	12,784	492
25	June,	857	3,557	175	2,300	1,006	293		3,634	11,822	473
27	July,	980	3,999	274	2,591	1,170	350		3,762	13,086	485
27	August,	1,357	4,637	384	3,373	1,532	466		4,478	16,207	600
26	September,	1,678	5,167	429	3,853	1,613	442		4,825	18,007	730
26	October,	1,625	5,868	365	4,581	1,728	419		5,551	20,137	774
26	November,	2,441	7,517	515	5,574	2,166	385		8,076	26,674	1,026
25	December,	2,148	6,812	458	4,761	2,184	434		6,681	23,478	939
308	Total in each Class, . . .	16,730	57,027	3,565	39,196	17,312	4,823	....	58,171	194,814	631
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	8.60	29.35	1.83	20.17	8.91	2.23		28.91	100.00	...
	Daily Average in each Class,	54	185	12	127	56	14		183	631	...
	Number of Volumes in Stock, 30th June, . . .	2,843	6,340	1,073	3,746	1,674	446	4	3,217	18,343	

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1879.

Day Open	Month	Theology, Philosophy, Eccelesiastical History	History, Biography Voyages, and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Arts, Sciences, Natural History.	Poetry and The Dramas	Literature	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous Literature	Total Issue in each Month	Daily Average in each Month.	Daily Average last Year.
26	January,	2,078	9,831	628	5,223	2,942	805		9,186	32,593	1,054	476
24	February,	2,998	9,371	576	6,758	3,004	679		9,569	32,985	1,073	538
26	March,	3,257	9,014	550	6,403	3,776	809		9,827	33,636	1,094	532
25	April,	2,288	8,113	551	6,245	3,047	684		9,878	30,806	1,032	520
26	May,	2,263	6,283	556	5,415	2,165	504		7,718	24,904	858	492
25	June,	1,910	5,410	352	5,084	1,790	581	2,196	7,010	24,313	772	473
26	July,	2,063	5,560	351	4,514	1,624	493	3,874	5,966	24,450	810	485
26	August,	2,268	6,853	606	5,727	1,855	686	3,917	7,602	29,514	1,136	600
26	September,	2,683	7,768	669	6,517	2,259	809	4,678	8,862	34,245	1,117	720
26	October,	2,457	8,146	824	7,213	2,151	786	4,740	10,336	36,853	1,210	774
25	November,	3,186	8,588	962	7,748	2,561	892	4,890	11,331	40,158	1,306	1,026
26	December,	2,988	7,608	831	6,602	2,558	836	3,956	10,138	35,521	1,166	939
307	Total in each Class,	31,339	92,545	7,456	74,449	29,732	8,551	28,253	107,423	379,748	1,237	631
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	8'25	24'37	1'96	19'59	7'83	2'24	7'46	28'30	100'00	.....	.....
	Daily Average in each Class,	102	301	24	243	97	28	157	350	1,237	...	...
	Number of Volumes in Stock, 30th June, .	3,963	6,430	2,093	4,907	3,539	519	160	4,443	26,054	.....	.....
	Turnover,	7'90	14'39	3'56	15'17	8'40	16'47	*176'58	24'17	14'57	.....	.....

Fiction.—The unusual position of the Library in regard to works of fiction requires a word of explanation. When the selection of the books to form the Library was in progress, the question of fiction came up, and the following recommendation on the subject was made:—That, considering that at Stirling's Library, within a short distance, there is a supply of works of fiction, accessible to the public in the same way as the Mitchell Library; and further, that there are in the city numerous private circulating libraries, from which novels may be got for a penny a-week; and further, that there is practically no provision whatever of useful modern books in other departments of literature; and further, that the means at the committee's disposal, both as to accommodation of readers and the supply of books, is inadequate—that works of fiction be not purchased for the Library in the meantime. This recommendation has been acted on, and hitherto no novels have been bought. In January, 1879, however, Mr. A. Glen Collins generously offered to present a selection of novels, and on the offer being accepted, he sent 155 volumes of standard novels, uniformly and handsomely bound. These, with one or two other gifts, form the Library's stock of fiction, and the measure of their appreciation is indicated by the fact that the whole collection goes over the counter daily. There would undoubtedly be a much larger issue of novels if there was a larger stock of them, but while the Library is in its present home, and the accommodation so limited, such reading would be at the expense of reading in other classes.

Classes and Ages of Readers.—A considerable majority of the readers belong to the artisan classes. There are also a good many clerks and warehousemen, some students, and a few professional men. Not many ladies have as yet availed themselves of the advantages of the Library, although one of the tables has been screened off, and reserved for their use; and from time to time in the Council they have been earnestly invited to attend. As is usual in public libraries, most of the readers are young, probably half of them under 22 or 23 years of age, and in diminishing numbers as age advances. From counts made at various periods it is estimated that the number of readers is about equal to the number of volumes issued. Some readers peruse several volumes; others read only the periodicals, of which no record is kept.

Periodicals.—The periodicals are placed openly on the tables in the magazine room, each in a strong reading cover. In the room, a complete list of them is placed conspicuously for reference, and on each table is placed a neat tablet containing a list of the periodicals on that table. It has not hitherto been thought advisable to prohibit the removal of the periodicals from the tables to which they belong, but readers who so remove them are requested to return them to their places. This request is, unfortunately,

to a considerable extent, disregarded; and, consequently, readers have sometimes to search for the periodical they wish to see. The mutual convenience and comfort of visitors would be much promoted if those who remove periodicals from the tables to which they belong would take the trouble to replace them.

There is no regular record kept of the reading of the periodicals; but from occasional counts and frequent observation it is estimated that the number of references to them is not less than half that to volumes, or 600 to 700 daily—probably more. In an Appendix a list is given of the periodicals in progress.

I cannot close this first Report without asking your leave to express the deep gratitude I feel for the kindness and consideration and encouragement I have received at your hands since I entered your service. To Ex-Bailie Salmon, the former, and to Councillor Wilson, the present convener of committee, and indeed to all the members of the committee, I am very greatly indebted.

I remain,

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

With much respect, your obedient servant,

F. T. BARRETT.

GLASGOW, *24th February, 1880.*

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the Estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library," such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's Bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may also authorize any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS INSERTED HERE (ALTHOUGH NOT HITHERTO PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL), AS A DOCUMENT OF MUCH INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS GENERALLY.

Mr. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, to "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND"; and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorize any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself as expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* large Public Library, with all the modern accessories. All books, not immoral in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to it and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorize any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the "Mitchell Library" a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The Committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt, the object of those intrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must specially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works, to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing for Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than to multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present; and the committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on "Free Town Libraries and Museums," prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

"3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be, in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. By many the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent project for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. No idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter; or of the committee of the House of Commons when they investigated into

the nature and extent of the want, and recommended the readiest and most efficient remedy; or of the Legislature when it adopted and embodied the committee's proposal of a small rate to be levied for the creation and support of town libraries. Established on any other principle than that of meeting a great social want by a great public effort, in a spirit of the most perfect catholicity and comprehensiveness, the whole system would be false in principle and erroneous in policy; and not even the advantage of a rate levied under legislative enactment would prevent it from hastening into inutility and decay. The working-classes, who, by reason of their superior numbers, would be the chief contributors to the foundation and support of a town library, would also share the most largely in its benefits; but as the library would be the property of no class in particular, and the books would be chosen with a view to the requirements of a diversified population, so the professional man, the scholar, the merchant, the manufacturer, the mechanician, the chemist, the student of nature or of art, would each, in his own place and proportion, and according to his tastes and pursuits, share freely and of right in the literary treasures accumulated at the common expense.

"4. A public library, in order to its being adapted to a great community, should be eminently distinguished by the character of *generality*; and its true and permanent value, apart from its fully meeting the demands of ordinary readers, will consist in its being in possession of all that is most useful and interesting in every branch of knowledge. Not only should it embrace the best books in every department of human enquiry, so as to be of value to men of every profession; but the ornamental ought to blend with the useful, and—as in the case of the free public libraries of Manchester and Liverpool, and of many libraries in the United States—those works should be acquired which, owing to the cost of their production, the splendour of their illustrations, their sumptuous typography, their antiquity or rarity, are only to be found at present in possession of a few academic and other institutions, and are virtually excluded from the inspection of the common people."

A library thus formed, it is true, will not serve the purposes of District Libraries, the books in which may be lent out to the inhabitants and read in suitable reading-rooms attached to the libraries. The value of such libraries and reading-rooms can scarcely be over-estimated in a community like that of Glasgow. But, though district libraries may be provided by other means, which will be afterwards noticed, they cannot be procured under the Mitchell Bequest, the object and purpose of which are different. Let it not be said, however, that the Mitchell Library so constituted would be a library for the rich. To say so is to ignore the fact that many of those who have most distinguished themselves and benefited the world by their researches and discoveries, and by their contributions to literature in every department, have sprung from the humblest ranks. To such men, and to men of like spirit and sympathies, the command of such appliances of knowledge as the Mitchell Library will offer to every person in Glasgow, is a boon which cannot be regarded as in any sense limited to a class.

It will be observed that Mr. Mitchell's bequest is appointed by himself to accumulate till it amounts to £70,000 at least before the formation of the library is begun. The nett sum received from his trustees was £66,998 10s. 6d.; and the interest which has since accrued makes the sum now available about £70,360. This sum comprehends the value of books purchased, including the library of the late Professor Cosmo Innes, and purchases made at the sale of the valuable library of the late Professor Stevenson. In making these purchases, under the authority of the Magistrates and Council, the committee mainly desired to secure many works which are not often to be met with. But it must not be assumed that the collection already made indicates in any way the composition of the future library, which, as has already been said, should be of the widest and most universal character.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined to be, should, in the opinion of the committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisites of a great library, including a consulting room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for indefinite future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, it will be for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, to do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland, 1867) Amendment Act, 1871," to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts—copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrates and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days after receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, or by ten householders—i.e., parliamentary and municipal electors, to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of such requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 shall be adopted. The meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the same comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting, and sign the same.

If the meeting of householders determine against the adoption of the Act, no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted, may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in them; and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and fit up, furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums, provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, of not more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, a sum "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty years' purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rental of

Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum; and under the power thus conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum, would absorb, say, ... £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say, ...	1,100
	<hr/> £3,575

This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors not members of the committee of management; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say four district libraries, besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading-room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view, should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time, prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied, but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the Illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or any others which may, from time to time, be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written down in ink, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact

of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

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GLASGOW, *October, 1877.*

"POETS' CORNER."

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT.

A desire having been pretty generally expressed to establish a Scottish "Poets' Corner" in the Mitchell Library, the suggestion has been warmly adopted by the Western Burns Club. The chief inducement of the Club to fall in with this movement is the hope that it may result in obtaining such a collection of the various Editions of the Works of our National Bard, "Robert Burns," as might be presented to the "Mitchell Library" as the chief treasure of the intended "Poets' Corner."

To accomplish this, it is proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be paid in yearly instalments of One Pound, beginning the first instalment as at 25th January, 1878, and continued yearly at the same date till January, 1883, when the last instalment will be due.

1880.

As Treasurer of the Fund, I have to report that Gentlemen, whose names are given at the close of this circular—including the Lord Provost, Members of the Town Council, and some of the leading citizens—have become Subscribers. The sum thus placed at my disposal has been, up to this date, £92. The result is already most encouraging. The "Poets' Corner" at present contains the writings of 1222 Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, having BURNS as the central sun, of whom 1022 are named, the remainder

being anonymous. These writings are contained in 1920 volumes and tracts published in no fewer than seventy cities and towns—more than sixty of them being in Scotland.

By far the most important acquisition has been the collection formed by the late Mr. JERVISE of Brechin, on which he had been engaged during a long life. This purchase, which cost £70, still remains as a charge against the "Poets' Corner" Fund, but having £40 in bank at this date an early liquidation may be expected.

I wish to ask the special attention of well-wishers to the "Poets' Corner" to a collection, at present for sale, of the various editions in which the writings of Robert Burns have appeared. This collection has been formed during many years, by an Ayrshire gentleman resident in Liverpool. It contains more than seven hundred volumes, not counting pamphlets, magazine articles, reviews, and the like; and includes most of the editions published in Britain, with many American and foreign editions, and translations, lives of Burns, essays on his genius and writings, and other illustrative books. The acquisition of this collection for the "Poets' Corner" would, of course, add very much to its value and importance, and would assist in a great measure in making it what its promoters hope yet to see it—a unique monument to the poetical genius of Scotland, and to the influence which that genius has had and has on Scottish life and character. And as a memorial to Burns himself, what could be more significant of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than a library of the editions of his works? It would do credit to the city where he has so many admirers to offer to his memorial such a gift as this; and the growth of it would mark, as no other form of memorial can, the constant and continuing appreciation of his marvellous genius. The sum required is not large, and the opportunity one that can hardly be expected to occur again.

To complete the arrangements originally contemplated, I still want six names, and shall be delighted if these are sent me soon. As the work of the collection will be continuous, I shall be glad to receive donations of any amount and annual subscriptions from gentlemen who may be interested in the work.

Donations of Books will also be thankfully received and duly acknowledged, even if duplicates, as these can be exchanged for others not in the Library, if it should be thought desirable.

My best thanks are due to Mr. Barrett, the talented Librarian of the "Mitchell Library," for the many useful hints he has given from time to time. I have his assurance that he will be most happy to show the "Poets' Corner" to Subscribers, or to any one interested.

I have to thank the Press for their kindly notices of the progress of the collection, and to express a hope that, in a few years, our fondest wishes will be realized in having the "Poets' Corner" unique in the Libraries of Scotland.

As this Circular may come under the notice of some who may not previously have heard of the "Poets' Corner," it may be desirable to name the objects aimed at. They are—

FIRST—The acquirement of copies of the Works of BURNS and of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and as far as possible of the different editions.

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LASTLY—The preparation of a Catalogue, to give the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their works, with particulars of editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to Students of our National Literature by placing in their reach so ample an apparatus for the study of what is perhaps its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

Mr. Barrett at the Library will take charge of donations of books or cash, and all will be duly acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund, and
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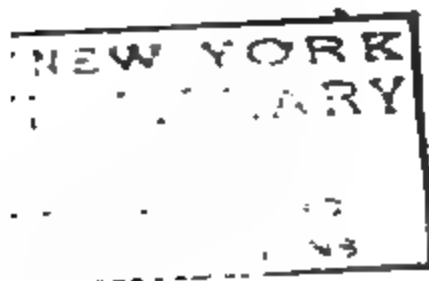
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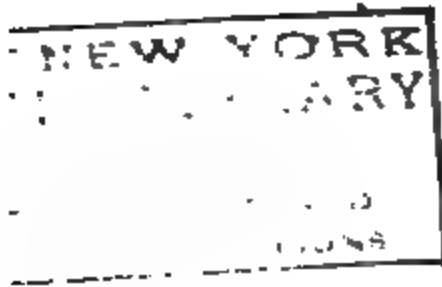
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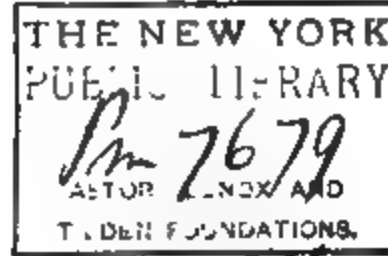
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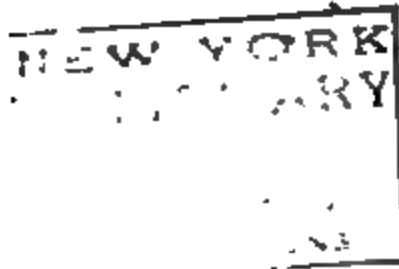
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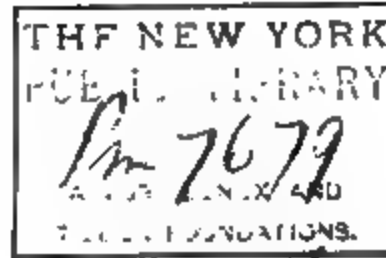
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ANNUAL REPORT.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

THE Committee have much pleasure and great satisfaction in laying before you the Second Annual Report of the Mitchell Library, prepared at our request by the Librarian, Mr. Barrett, and approved of by us. As it is only about three years since the Library was opened, we believe we are justified in making the statement that its progress has been quite unprecedented. For instance (and we make the comparison with no invidious motive) there were in the Reference Library at—

	Vols. in Library.	Annual Issue.
Manchester, end of third year (1854),	20,048	66,261
Liverpool, do. fifth do. (1857),	24,000	166,346
Birmingham, do. third do. (1869),	24,213	66,352
The Mitchell, do. third do. (1880),	33,019	390,732

In other words, the Mitchell Library had a third more books than any of the three Libraries, and an issue of 91,773 volumes more than the aggregate issue of them all, at the same period of their history. It will, of course, be understood that at the present time these Libraries have attained far larger proportions than indicated in the table, the number of volumes in the Manchester Reference Library being 64,077, and at Liverpool 72,406. As is well known, the Reference Library at Birmingham was destroyed by fire about two years ago; but it is being restored, and promises to become even larger and more generally valuable than before. And it should be stated that in the cities named there are District Free Lending Libraries, which no doubt attracted many readers, who would otherwise have read at the Reference Libraries.

From the Librarian's Report (which is appended hereto)—and we call special attention to the fact—it will be observed that during the past year the number of volumes issued to readers was 390,732, being an increase of 10,984 volumes over the previous year.

With reference to the financial position of the Library, the capital stock amounted, at the end of 1879, to £65,628, and this year to £65,621. The object of your committee has been to spend in the meantime not more than the interest of the sum at their disposal for the up-keep of the Library, salaries, etc., and the addition of books, carefully selected by a sub-committee appointed by us, who meet monthly—such additions being made in accordance with the will of the founder. The need of suitable buildings for the Library has been so often before the committee and the council, and so universally acknowledged, that little more need be said on the subject except this, that every year the want becomes greater, and, in the words of our former Report, “were a fitting and attractive building secured, many book collectors would prefer to have their treasures preserved for the use of the public rather than dispersed by sale.” The lease of the present premises will expire in little more than a year; but, even if they were in every other respect suitable, your committee consider the position of being a tenant in private property a most undesirable one for a Public Library.

The donations of books during the year have been numerous and valuable, and your committee would again record their best thanks to the generous donors.

The late lamented Mr. Richard Chalmers left by his will the whole of his books to the Mitchell Library; and, what has added value to the gift, he allowed the committee to sell or exchange any duplicates. The Library has thus been enriched by about 1000 volumes.

Our old and esteemed friend, Bailie Moir, whose death we all deplore, has also left us his valuable library and the residue of his estate to form a “Moir Collection.” The books, which are not yet delivered, number about 2,500* volumes, and will be the subject of some remarks by your committee next year. We may, however, say in passing that the books are of general interest, and were the collection of a pretty long life, and the terms of the Deed of Settlement are in every way worthy of the donor.

Your committee have again to report that, with few exceptions, the conduct of the vast number of readers has been all that could be desired, considering the very crowded state of the rooms, and the freedom of admission to all and sundry.

At the request of your committee, the convener attended the conference of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, held in Edinburgh in the month of October last, and conveyed an invitation to the Association to hold their annual conference in Glasgow at an early period. He was favourably received, and the chairman

* Since this was written the books referred to have been received. They number more than 3,100, and are in excellent condition.

stated the invitation would have the most careful consideration of the council. Your committee consider a visit of the Association to Glasgow would call wider attention to the Mitchell Library, and be the means of adding to its usefulness and that of kindred institutions.

Your committee, at the close of their Report last year, expressed the desirability of having a bust or portrait of the late Mr. Stephen Mitchell placed in the Library. The silhouette portrait kindly lent by Mrs. Tod, of Moffat, has been in the hands of Mr. Mossman, sculptor, for some time, and he has succeeded in making a bust in clay. Your committee are not in a position to judge of its merits as a likeness, but some of Mr. Mitchell's friends have been asked to give their opinion, and the result will be laid before you in due time.

Your committee trust they are not asking too much of the Council if they express a hope that you will vote funds for a marble bust of our deceased friend Bailie Moir, to be placed over his collection of books.

Your committee cannot conclude this brief Report without giving expression to their feeling regarding the Librarian, Mr. Barrett, and his assistants, for their uniform courtesy, diligence, and attention to the wants of all classes of readers.

We also congratulate the Council, the City, and the West of Scotland generally, on having in their midst, so free to all, the beginning of what we venture to say will ultimately be one of the best Reference Libraries in the Kingdom.

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener*.

“ APPENDIX.

“ LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

“ TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

“ MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

“ I beg leave respectfully to submit the following Report on the progress and work of the Library during the year 1880:—

"The number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1879, excluding 550 duplicates, was ... 27,982

"There were added during 1880—

Books, ...	3,970	
Pamphlets, ...	1,077	
	<hr/>	5,047
Purchased, ...	3,081	
Presented, ...	1,406	
Bequeathed by the late Mr. Richard Chalmers (a), ...	557	
Received in exchange for duplicates, ...	3	
	<hr/>	5,047
In Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History, ...	728	
History, Biography, Voyages and Travels, ...	729	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce, ...	394	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History, ...	681	
Poetry and the Drama, ...	1,281	
Linguistics, ...	97	
Prose Fiction, ...	72	
Miscellaneous Literature (b), ...	1,065	
	<hr/>	5,047
Less—Duplicates withdrawn, ...	5	
Books stolen, ...	5	
	<hr/>	10
		<hr/>
		5,037
Showing a net addition of ...		<hr/>
		5,037
And in the Library at 31st December, 1880 (c), ...		<hr/>
		33,019

"The number of separate works, as distinguished from volumes, is 20,392. A table in an Appendix gives the classification of the Library as at the end of the year.

"In the selection of books which have been suggested to you for purchase, the intention has been to secure works of utility

"(a) In addition to 450 volumes of duplicates, of which many are valuable, and which may, by Mr. Chalmers' instructions, be exchanged for other works.

"(b) The class described as "Miscellaneous" consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopaedias, collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

"(c) Exclusive of more than 1,000 duplicates, not catalogued.

rather than of mere entertainment, and the same general principles have been observed as in the original forming of the Library and in subsequent years, and which were quoted in the last Report.

“ Having regard to the existence of Stirling's Library (which possesses many valuable works of earlier dates, while it is not so rich in modern literature), and to its possible co-operation with this Library, a relatively large part of the sum available for the purchase of books has been devoted to securing as many as possible of the principal works of the present and recent seasons. It will be seen from the list of books added, which is given in an Appendix, that, with the exception of novels, the Library is well supplied with the best current English literature. At the same time, it has been found possible to add a number of standard works published at former periods.

“ With regard to the three special collections in the Library, although no particular effort has been made to increase them, some progress has been effected. To the ‘Poets' Corner,’ a collection of Scottish poetry, there have been added 284 volumes, making the whole number 2,204, containing the writings of 1,395 poets. The ‘Glasgow’ collection of books, pamphlets, and other printed matter illustrating the history of the city, has been enriched by the acquisition of 458 volumes and pamphlets, including several local periodicals of various dates, some of which have become very rare. It now contains more than 1,100 items. The collection of early Glasgow printing, being books printed in Glasgow, though not specially relating to the city, has been considerably enlarged, chiefly by the liberal donation of Mr. J. Wyllie Guild of 78 volumes. This collection now contains 390 volumes, of which about 250 were printed by the house of Foulis.

“ The attendance of readers, and the issue of books, have been well maintained during the year. The whole number of volumes issued to readers was 390,732, being an increase of 10,984 over the previous year. It should be noted, however, that this increase was mainly confined to the earlier months of the year, and that during the later months the issues were a little smaller than during the corresponding portion of 1879. The principal causes for this were, probably, the improved condition of trade, with the consequent diminution in the number of unemployed persons ; and the fine and genial weather enjoyed in the summer and autumn, which, as compared with the cold and wet weather of the previous year, very much favoured out-of-door occupations and recreations. The proportion of issues in the different classes was very similar to that of 1879 ; a slight relative increase in Theology, Jurisprudence, Linguistics, and Miscellaneous Literature ; a slight relative decrease in History and Poetry ; and in Art and Science a proportion similar to that of the former year. The class Prose Fiction,

which in 1879 was 7·46 per cent. of the whole issue, was in 1880 10·32 per cent., but this arises from the circumstance that in 1879 there were issues in this class during only the last seven months, while in 1880 the issues were made during the whole year. The largest daily issue yet recorded was on 27th November, 1880, viz., 2,157 volumes; the largest weekly issue, 5th to 10th January, 1880, 10,327 volumes; the largest monthly issue, January, 1880, 43,352 volumes. The accompanying Table gives full details of the year's issues, and shows the percentage of the several classes, the daily average and 'turn-over' in each, and comparisons with the previous year.

"There has been little observable difference in the class of readers who frequent the Library. As before, the majority belong to the artisan classes; there is a large attendance of clerks and warehousemen, and a good number of students, with some professional men. It is believed that the last-named classes are in a somewhat larger proportion than before. While there are readers of all ages over fourteen, the large majority, as in most other public libraries, are young, probably half of them under or not much over 21. A considerably larger number of ladies attended, the number of volumes issued being 1,398, against 806 in 1879.

"It is very gratifying to observe the large extent to which the Library is used for purposes of study and education. This is fully shown by the frequency with which readers are observed diligently copying passages from the books they are using into their own note books; and by the many cases of continuous courses of reading in the same subject. Although it is not possible to show the results in a statistical form, it cannot be doubted that much good is being done, and much help given to students which would otherwise have been denied them, and in many cases the taste for reading implanted and developed, by the opportunities which the Library affords.

"The important question of proper accommodation for the Library and its readers has been so frequently and so fully before you that it is not here necessary to say more, as it would be wrong to say less, than that the present rooms are inadequate, and otherwise unsuitable, to a serious degree; that, great as has been the success of the Library so far, it would have been even greater had proper and sufficient accommodation been provided; and that its further development, especially in the important department of assisting literary and student work, is now impeded by the absence of such accommodation.

"I remain, very respectfully,

"MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

"Your obedient servant,

"F. T. BARRETT.

"GLASGOW, 2nd February, 1881."

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1880

Days Open.	Month	Theology, Philosophy, History	History Biography, Voyages and Travels	Law, Politics, Sociology and Commerce	Art, Science, and Natural History	Poetry and the Drama	Literature	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous	Total Issues in each Month	Daily Average in each Month	Daily Average for Year
26	January, ..	3,577	9,683	1,032	7,969	3,045	1,118	4,408	12,519	43,352	1,667	1,254
24	February, ..	3,061	8,248	897	6,880	2,843	1,008	4,126	11,312	38,375	1,599	1,373
27	March, ..	3,254	7,368	914	6,507	2,841	946	4,065	10,684	36,579	1,355	1,394
25	April, ..	2,338	5,738	712	5,896	2,418	629	3,033	8,587	29,351	1,174	1,232
25	May, ..	2,514	4,469	468	5,304	1,633	623	1,766	6,462	23,259	930	958
26	June, ..	2,204	4,765	518	4,980	1,580	799	2,663	6,785	24,294	934	972
26	July, ..	1,866	4,447	534	4,782	1,611	646	2,688	6,604	23,178	891	940
26	August, ..	2,841	4,046	800	5,251	2,021	1,111	3,129	7,461	27,560	1,060	1,136
26	September, ..	3,084	6,643	893	6,727	2,466	1,469	3,964	9,607	34,853	1,341	1,317
25	October, ..	3,032	7,338	1,145	6,906	2,368	1,011	3,479	9,885	35,164	1,407	1,410
26	November, ..	3,437	7,099	1,217	7,225	2,672	848	3,980	11,075	38,453	1,479	1,606
26	December, ..	3,580	7,751	1,139	6,733	2,697	761	3,023	10,630	36,314	1,397	1,366
308	Total in each Class, 1880, ..	84,788	79,395	10,269	75,160	28,195	10,969	40,345	111,611	390,732	1,269	...
307	Total in each Class, 1879, ..	31,339	92,545	7,436	74,449	29,732	8,551	*28,253	107,423	379,748	1,237	1,237
	Class Percentage of whole Issue, ..	8'90	20'32	2'63	19'24	7'22	2'81	10'32	28'56	100'00	..	...
	Daily Average in each Class, ..	113	358	33	244	99	36	131	362	1,269	..	...
	Number of Volumes in Stock, 30th June, ..	4,673	7,198	2,650	5,545	4,633	568	173	5,298	30,738	..	...
	Turnover, ..	7'44	11'03	3'87	13'55	6'08	19'31	233'20	21'06	12'71	...	...

* Seven Months only.

These issues do not include the reading of the current numbers of Periodicals, of which about 160 lie upon the tables.

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the Estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may also authorize any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPEATED HERE, FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN THE FORMER REPORT:—

MR. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, to "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND"; and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe. The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself as expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* large Public Library, with all the modern accessories. All books, not immoral in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to it and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the “Mitchell Library” a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt, the object of those intrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must specially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works, to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing for Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than to multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present and the committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on “Free Town Libraries and Museums,” prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

“3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be, in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. By many the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent project for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. No idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter or of the committee of the House of Commons when they investigated into the nature and extent of the want, and recommended the readiest and most

efficient remedy; or of the Legislature when it adopted and embodied the committee's proposal of a small rate to be levied for the creation and support of town libraries. Established on any other principle than that of meeting a great social want by a great public effort, in a spirit of the most perfect catholicity and comprehensiveness, the whole system would be false in principle and erroneous in policy; and not even the advantage of a rate levied under legislative enactment would prevent it from hastening into inutility and decay. The working-classes, who, by reason of their superior numbers, would be the chief contributors to the foundation and support of a town library, would also share the most largely in its benefits; but as the library would be the property of no class in particular, and the books would be chosen with a view to the requirements of a diversified population, so the professional man, the scholar, the merchant, the manufacturer, the mechanician, the chemist, the student of nature or of art, would each, in his own place and proportion, and according to his tastes and pursuits, share freely and of right in the literary treasures accumulated at the common expense.

"4. A public library, in order to its being adapted to a great community, should be eminently distinguished by the character of *generality*; and its true and permanent value, apart from its fully meeting the demands of ordinary readers, will consist in its being in possession of all that is most useful and interesting in every branch of knowledge. Not only should it embrace the best books in every department of human enquiry, so as to be of value to men of every profession; but the ornamental ought to blend with the useful, and—as in the case of the free public libraries of Manchester and Liverpool, and of many libraries in the United States—those works should be acquired which, owing to the cost of their production, the splendour of their illustrations, their sumptuous typography, their antiquity or rarity, are only to be found at present in possession of a few academic and other institutions, and are virtually excluded from the inspection of the common people."

A library thus formed, it is true, will not serve the purposes of District Libraries, the books in which may be lent out to the inhabitants and read in suitable reading-rooms attached to the libraries. The value of such libraries and reading-rooms can scarcely be over-estimated in a community like that of Glasgow. But, though district libraries may be provided by other means, which will be afterwards noticed, they cannot be procured under the Mitchell Bequest, the object and purpose of which are different. Let it not be said, however, that the Mitchell Library so constituted would be a library for the rich. To say so is to ignore the fact that many of those who have most distinguished themselves and benefited the world by their researches and discoveries, and by their contributions to literature in every department, have sprung from the humblest ranks. To such men, and to men of like spirit and sympathies, the command of such appliances of knowledge as the Mitchell Library will offer to every person in Glasgow, is a boon which cannot be regarded as in any sense limited to a class.

It will be observed that Mr. Mitchell's bequest is appointed by himself to accumulate till it amounts to £70,000 at least before the formation of the library is begun. The net sum received from his trustees was £66,998 10s. 6d.; and the interest which has since accrued makes the sum now available about £70,360. This sum comprehends the value of books purchased, including the library of the late Professor Cosmo Innes, and purchases made at the sale of the valuable library of the late Professor Stevenson. In making these purchases, under the authority of the Magistrates and Council, the committee mainly desired to secure many works which are not often to be met with. But it must not be assumed that the collection already made indicates in any way the composition of the future library, which, as has already been said, should be of the widest and most universal character.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined to be, should, in the opinion of the committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisites of a great library, including a consulting room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for indefinite future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, it will be for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, to do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland, 1867) Amendment Act, 1871," to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts—copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrates and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days after receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, or by ten householders—i.e., parliamentary and municipal electors, to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of such requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 shall be adopted. The meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the same comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting, and sign the same.

If the meeting of Householders determine against the adoption of the Act, no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted, may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in them; and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and fit up, furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums, provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, of not more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, a sum "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty years'

purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rental of Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum; and under the power thus conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say 4½ per cent per annum, would absorb, say, £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say,

1,100

£3,575

This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors not members of the committee of management; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say four district libraries, besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading-room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view, should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.
2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and

Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time, prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied, but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or any others which may, from time to time, be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person.

as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

By Order.

GLASGOW, *October, 1877.*

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

“POETS’ CORNER.”

MITCHELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT.

A desire having been pretty generally expressed to establish a Scottish “Poets’ Corner” in the Mitchell Library, the suggestion has been warmly adopted by the “Western Burns Club.” The chief inducement of the Club to fall in with this movement is the hope that it may result in obtaining such a collection of the various Editions of the Works of our National Bard, “Robert Burns,” as might be presented to the “Mitchell Library” as the chief treasure of the intended “Poets’ Corner.”

To accomplish this, it is proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be paid in yearly instalments of One Pound, beginning the first instalment as at 25th January, 1878, and continued yearly at the same date till January, 1883, when the last instalment will be due.

25th JANUARY, 1880.

As Treasurer of the Fund, I have to report that Gentlemen whose names are given at the close of this circular—including the Lord Provost, Members of the Town Council, and some of the leading citizens—have become Subscribers. The result is already most encouraging. The “Poets’ Corner” at present contains the writings of 1222 Scottish Poets and Verse Writers,

having BURNS as the central sun, of whom 1022 are named, the remainder being anonymous. These writings are contained in 1920 volumes and tracts, published in no fewer than seventy cities and towns—more than sixty of them being in Scotland.

By far the most important acquisition has been the collection formed by the late Mr. JERVISE, of Brechin, on which he had been engaged during a long life. This purchase, which cost £70, still remains as a charge against the "Poets' Corner" Fund, but having £40 in bank at this date an early liquidation may be expected.

To complete the arrangements originally contemplated, I still want sixty names, and shall be delighted if these are sent me soon. As the work of collection will be continuous, I shall be glad to receive donations of any amount and annual subscriptions from gentlemen who may be interested in the work.

Donations of Books will also be thankfully received and duly acknowledged, even if duplicates, as these can be exchanged for others not in the Library, if it should be thought desirable.

My best thanks are due to Mr. Barrett, the talented Librarian of the "Mitchell Library," for the many useful hints he has given from time to time. I have his assurance that he will be most happy to show the "Poets' Corner" to subscribers, or to any one interested.

I have to thank the Press for their kindly notices of the progress of the Collection, and to express a hope that, in a few years, our fondest wishes will be realized in having the "Poets' Corner" unique in the Libraries of Scotland.

25th JANUARY, 1881.

As the foregoing statement may be looked upon as a supplementary narrative of the position and progress of the "Poets' Corner" to date, I have little to add, except, it may be, that on the 22nd June, I was enabled to repay to the general fund of the Mitchell Library the sum of £70 7/, which had been advanced for the JERVISE Collection, and have added during the year 284 volumes, making the total at 31st December, 1880, 2204 volumes, containing the writings of 1395 Poets.

In a work so vast as to collect in one "corner" the Poets of Scotland, I need not add that, while the labour is arduous, it is a labour of love; and I can only give here, what I have given elsewhere, my best thanks, as Convener, to the many leading citizens, who have not only subscribed during the year, but who have sent valuable contributions of books. The "Corner," I doubt not, is destined in the course of a few years to be quite unique in the annals of literature. In the words of the Report for 1880, I would repeat that—"As the work of collection will be continuous, I shall be glad to receive donations of any amount and subscriptions from gentlemen who may be interested in the work."

As this Circular may come under the notice of some who may not previously have heard of the "Poets' Corner," it may be desirable to name the objects aimed at. They are—

FIRST—The acquirement of copies of the Works of BURNS and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and as far as possible of the different Editions.

SECOND—Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry, such as *Ancient and Modern Scottish Songs, Heroic Ballads, &c.*, collected by David Herd, 2 vols., 1776; *Scottish Elegiac Verses, 1629-1729*, 1 vol., 1842; *Remains of Nithsdale and Galloway Song... First Published by R. H. Cromek*, 1 vol., 1810.

THIRD—Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland, such as *The History of Scottish Poetry*, by David Irving, 1 vol., 1861; or on individual Poets, such as *The Genius and Character of Burns*, by Professor Wilson, 1 vol., 1854; or on Schools of Poetry, such as *The Ballads and*

Songs of Scotland, in view of their influence on the Character of the People, by F. Clark Murray, 1 vol., 1874.

FOURTH—Biographies of Writers whose Works are in the Collection.

LASTLY—The preparation of a Catalogue, to give the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their works, with particulars of editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our national literature by placing in their reach so ample an apparatus for the study of what is perhaps its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

Mr. Barrett at the Library will take charge of donations of books or cash, and all will be duly acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund and
Convener of Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1881.

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Annual Register.
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Arber's Publications.
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 Journal.
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 Art Journal.
 Art Text-books.
 Chronique des Arts.
 Decoration.
 Etcher.
 Gazette des Beaux Arts.
 L'Art.
 Magazine of Art.
 Portfolio.
 South Kensington Museum Art
 Handbooks.
 South Kensington Museum.
 Year's Art.
Astronomical Observations, Edin.
Astronomical Register.
Athenæum.
Atlantic Monthly.
Ayrshire and Wigtownshire Archæolo-
 gical Association Publications.</p> | <p>Bailie.
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Bampton Lectures.
*Bernardy's Next of Kin Gazette.
*Bible Standard.
Bibliotheca Sacra.
Biograph.
Blackwood's Magazine.
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Botanical Magazine, Curtis.
British Association for the Advance-
 ment of Science. Reports.
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Broad Arrow.
Builder.
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Burgh Record Society Publications.
Caledonian Curling Club Annual.
Camden Society Publications.
Catholic Presbyterian.
Chambers's Journal.
Chaucer Society Publications.
Chemical News.
Chemical Society. Journal.
Chemist and Druggist.
Chetham Society Publications.
*Christadelphian.
Christian Herald.
*Christian Magazine.
Christian News.
*Civil Engineers, Institute of. Pro-
 ceedings.
Civil Service Commissioners' Reports.
Civil Service Year Book.
Clarks' Foreign Theological Library.
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Colonial Office List.
Colonies and India.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
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*Dietetic Reformer.
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 *Ecclesiastical Observer.
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 *Machinery Market.
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 *Medical Journal, British.
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 Naval Architects, Institute of. Transactions.
 New Club Series.
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 North American Review.
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 Palestine Exploration Fund—Quarterly Statement.
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 Paper and Printing Trades Review.
 Parliamentary Buff Book.
 Parliamentary Reports: a Selection.
 *Pharmaceutical Journal.
 *Pharmaceutical Society Calendar.
 Pharmacy, Year Book of.
 Philosophical Classics for English Readers.
 Philosophical Magazine.
 Philosophers, English.
 Philosophies, Ancient.
 Philosophy, Speculative, Journal of.
 Phonetic Journal.
 Phonographic Cabinet.
 Phonographic Reporter.
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 Political Year Book.
 Poor Law Conference Reports.
 Postal Guide.
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 Princeton Review.
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 Punch.
 Quarterly Review.
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 *Rainbow.
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Repaid from Poets' Corner Fund (22nd June, 1880),	70	7	9
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	£68,358	16	0
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Payments from 1st Dec., 1879, to 30th Nov., 1880.

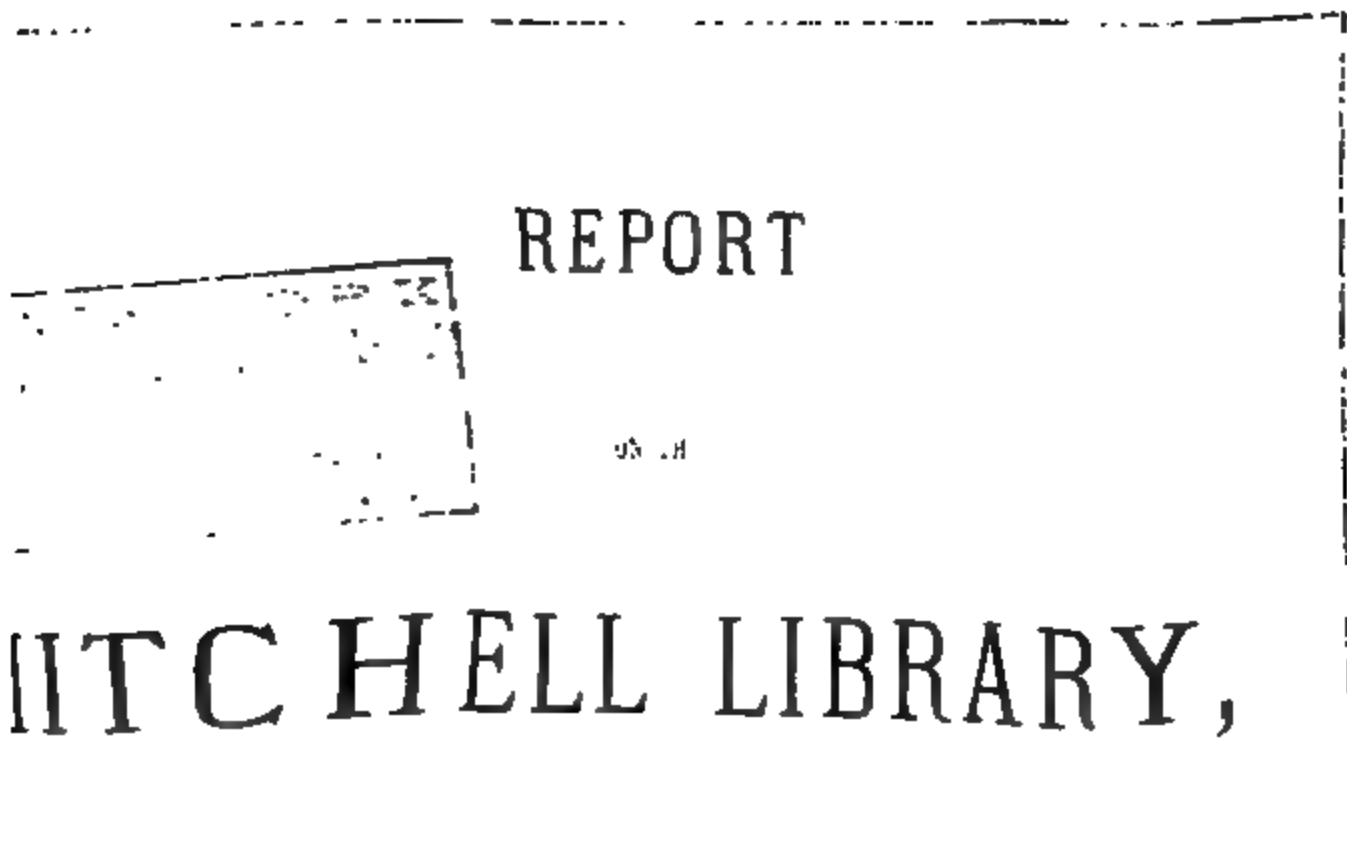
Books,	£585	5	10
Periodicals,	141	0	1
Binding and Repairing Books,	107	8	9
Printing and Stationery,	101	15	3
Salaries and Wages,	946	9	3
Rent and Taxes,	334	3	4
Coal, Gas, and Water,	163	5	10
Insurance,	53	0	0
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	118	17	2
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	49	8	6
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	136	15	10

	£2,737	9	10
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th Nov., 1880,	65,621	6	2
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	£68,358	16	0
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Payments from Commencement to 30th Nov., 1880.

Books,	£7,448	12	8
Periodicals,	472	3	10
Binding and Repairing Books,	366	15	5
Printing and Stationery,	471	4	2
Salaries and Wages,	2,914	8	8
Rent and Taxes,	1,267	2	2
Coal, Gas, and Water,	399	17	6
Insurance,	246	15	9
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	1,951	11	8
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	527	8	9
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	1,504	13	4

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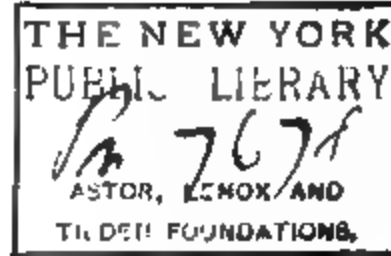


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COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1874-75.

The Lord Provost. Bailie Collins. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Treasurer Miller. Councillors James Adams, William Clark. Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, Thos. A. Mathieson, Alexander Mackenzie, A. G. Macdonald, John Neil, James Salmon, Edward J. Scott, W. R. W. Smith, John Ure, William Wilson. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

1875-76.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Morrison, Collins, Scott, Ure, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors James Adams, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, Thos. A. Mathieson, A. G. Macdonald, William Miller, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, W. R. W. Smith, William Wilson. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

1876-77.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Collins, Scott, Ure, Wilson, Adams. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, William Clark, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, William Miller, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, W. R. W. Smith. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

1877-78.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Torrens, Ure, Adams, Scott, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, James L. Selkirk, W. R. W. Smith, William Wilson. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

1878-79.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Ure, Adams, Scott, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, Hugh Colquhoun, Archibald Dunlop, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

1879-80.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Scott, Colquhoun, Dunlop. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors James Adams, Peter Bertram, William Brown, Andrew S. Bryce, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan M'Pherson, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, John Ure, William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1880-81.

The LORD PROVOST.

Bailie DUNLOP.

Bailie WILSON.

Bailie COLQUHOUN.

The DEAN OF GUILD.

The DEACON-CONVENER.

Depute River Bailie SELKIRK.

Councillor PETER BERTRAM.

Councillor WILLIAM BROWN.

Councillor ANDREW S. BRYCE.

Councillor WILLIAM COLLINS.

Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.

Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.

Councillor ALEXANDER M'LAREN.

Councillor DUNCAN M'PIERSON.

Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.

Councillor JAMES MOIR.

Councillor JOHN NEIL.

Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.

Councillor W. M'NEILL STUART.

Councillor JAMES TORRENS.

Bailie WILSON, *Convener*.

Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON, *Sub-Convener*.

1881-82.

The LORD PROVOST.

Bailie DUNLOP.

Bailie WILSON.

Bailie COLQUHOUN.

The DEAN OF GUILD.

The DEACON-CONVENER.

River Bailie SELKIRK.

Councillor PETER BERTRAM.

Councillor WILLIAM BROWN.

Councillor Sir WILLIAM COLLINS.

Councillor JAMES M. FORRESTER.

Councillor JAMES GRAY.

Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.

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Bailie WILSON, *Convener*.

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Sub-Committee on Purchase of Books.

Bailie DUNLOP.

Bailie WILSON.

Bailie COLQUHOUN.

River Bailie SELKIRK.

Councillor PETER BERTRAM.

Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.

Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.

Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.

Councillor W. M'NEILL STUART.

Bailie WILSON, *Convener*.

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: JAMES BROWN, ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: WILLIAM SIMPSON, JAMES MASON, E. A. H. KAY,
WALTER HURST, JOHN HALL.

Janitor: J. W. SINCLAIR.

ANNUAL REPORT.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

It affords your committee much gratification to be able to report that the success which attended the work of the Library during the first three years was continued during the past year. It will be seen from the detailed statements which follow that the attendance of readers has been even larger than before, and your committee regard it as a matter for congratulation that the opportunities which the Library offers to the public of Glasgow for instruction and self-culture, for research in the several branches of knowledge, and for innocent recreation and entertainment, are taken advantage of to so large an extent. The ultimate results cannot fail to be for the welfare of the population, and particularly of the rising generation.

With reference to the long and much-felt need of more suitable premises for the Library, your committee regret that they have not been able to lay before you any definite proposals. In view of the expiry in May next of the agreement with the proprietor of the present premises, an advertisement was issued asking for offers to rent two flats or other suitable rooms. A number of replies were received, but in all cases the premises offered were undesirable, or the amount of rent asked was so much in excess of the sum available for that purpose that the offers could not be entertained. In these circumstances an arrangement was made with the agent of the proprietor to continue in the present rooms in the meantime, paying from May next a rent for both flats, instead of for the lower one only as heretofore. Your committee think it right at this time to express again their sense of the proprietor's liberality in having given them for the past five years the free use of the upper flat.

In the last Report reference was made to the important and valuable bequest made to the Library by the esteemed and lamented Bailie Moir. Your committee have to report that, although the residue of the estate has not yet been transferred to the Town Council, it will, they have reason to believe, amount to about £12,000, which will, after providing for an annuity to the deceased's sister, be applicable to purchasing books, to be placed, along with the books bequeathed by the testator, in the Mitchell or other public library with which the Mitchell Library may be

united or incorporated. Bailie Moir's own collection, which formed part of the bequest, has now been placed in the Library. The Librarian's Report, which follows this, gives some account of its character and extent.

The bust of Bailie Moir, which was ordered by the Town Council shortly after his death, and which is considered a work of art worthy of the reputation of Mr. John Mossman, will be placed in the Library, near the splendid gift he bestowed upon the City.

The donations of books have again been numerous and valuable, some of them, as will be seen from the list, of very considerable importance. In this connection your committee would refer to a suggestion which has been offered, and towards the accomplishment of which some little progress has been made. It is, that there should be gathered, as opportunity offers, and preserved in the Library, memoirs and portraits of eminent and respected citizens of Glasgow who have passed away. Dr. R. M. Kerr, formerly of this city, now Commissioner of the Central Criminal Court of London, has collected and presented manuscript memoirs of two Glasgow worthies—Robert Chapman, the Publisher, and successor to the Foulis family; and the late Dr. Strang, City Chamberlain. It is hoped that this good example will be followed, and that the Library may be thus enriched with a series of memoirs—accompanied, when possible, by portraits—of the men who have been the means of raising the City to the position it now occupies. A collection of such memoirs would constitute a most important portion of the materials for the history of Glasgow.

The Librarian's Report, and the Tables and Lists which follow, give full details of the year's work, and of the present position of the Library and Library Fund.

In concluding their Report, your committee would again commend to the favourable consideration of the Town Council the position of the Library in relation to premises. Here is an institution, founded by a citizen for the advantage of the inhabitants generally, to provide them with the means of instruction and information. It is open freely all day and every lawful day. The number of visitors annually is to be stated in hundreds of thousands. It has acquired a collection of books which may be described as both extensive and valuable, and it has been carried on four years without any charge to the City funds. Has not the time come when the Town Council may, not only without reproach, but with the approval of the citizens, consider if they should not make a substantial contribution towards providing an adequate and suitable building for the Library?

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener*.

“ APPENDIX.

“ LIBRARIAN’S REPORT.

“ TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

“ MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

“ In submitting the following Report on the work of the Library during 1881, the fourth complete year of its existence, I have the pleasure to state that the activity and progress which characterised its earlier years were fully maintained, and that the same large degree of appreciation of its advantages was manifested by the public. The additions made to the Library were both numerous and valuable, and the issue of books, for the use of readers, was larger than in any former year.

“ The number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1880, was (including some books transferred from the Duplicate Room to the Library since the last Report was made up) ... 33,107

“ There were added during 1881—

Books,	5,357	
Pamphlets,	1,662	
	—	7,019

Which were acquired—


By purchase,	2,328	
„ gift,	1,324	
„ bequest,	3,367	
	—	7,019

And which are classified as follows—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ec- clesiastical History, ...	774	
History, Biography, Voyages and Travels,	1,471	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Com- merce,	1,695	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	1,046	
Poetry and the Drama, ...	792	
Linguistics,	33	
Prose Fiction,	76	
Miscellaneous Literature (a), ...	1,132	
	—	7,019

<i>Carry forward,</i>	7,019	33,107
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“ (a) The class described as “ Miscellaneous ” consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopædias, collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	...	...	7,109	33,10 
From this number must be deducted—				
Books worn out, ...	...	...	9	
Books stolen or mutilated,	...	...	12	
Duplicates, etc., withdrawn,	...	...	9	
			—	30
Showing a net addition of	...	...	...	6,989
And in the Library at 31st December, 1881 (a),	...			<u>40,096</u>

“ A table giving the classification of the books in the Library will be found at p. 28, and a list of some of the works added at pp. 24-28.

“ The most important acquisitions of the year were the library of the late Bailie Moir; the Burns collection, purchased from Mr. James Gibson; and the valuable donations received from the Secretary of State for India, and from the Trustees of the British Museum. The titles of the more important works included in these donations will be found at pp. 33-5.

“ The Library formed by the late Bailie Moir, and by him bequeathed, with the residue of his estate, to the Mitchell Library, may be described as a large and excellent collection of standard modern works in general literature. Like the collection bequeathed by Mr. Chalmers in 1880, the books are in admirable condition, many of them being handsomely bound. Most classes of literature are represented, the classification showing 398 books and pamphlets in Theology and Philosophy; 899 in History and Biography; 1,241 in Political, Legal, and Social subjects; 406 in Science, principally Natural History and Botany; 105 in Poetry; 19 in Linguistics; 40 in Prose Fiction; and 259 Miscellaneous. The whole number added to the Library by this bequest is 2,420 books and 947 pamphlets, besides which there are about 850 duplicates, by the sale or exchange of which the Library will be still further enriched. The books will be kept together with such others as may be from time to time acquired from the fund left by Bailie Moir for that purpose, and in exchange for the duplicates, and will be known as the ‘Moir Collection.’

“ To the Poets’ Corner has been added the large collection of books relating to Robert Burns, consisting of editions of his writings, and works illustrating his life, times, and genius, which was formed by Mr. James Gibson, during many years of patient labour, directed and sustained by the most appreciative regard for the poet. This collection—which, with the Burns books previously acquired, is one of the most considerable in existence—is described

“ (a) Not including about 1,500 duplicates available for sale or exchange

in the circular of the Treasurer of the Poets' Corner Fund, printed as an Appendix to the present Report, to which I may be permitted to refer. There have also been added 101 volumes, including the works of 59 poets not previously in the collection. The total number of volumes now in the Poets' Corner is 3641, and the number of Scottish poets and verse writers represented 1,454.

"The collection of books, etc., relating to the city of Glasgow, has been increased during the year by 491 volumes and pamphlets, and now contains about 1,600 items.

"To the department devoted to early Glasgow printing have been added 31 specimens, making the present contents of this interesting section of the Library 421 volumes.

"To turn from the Library itself to the use which has been made of it :—

"The number of volumes given out for the use of readers during the year was 403,713, being 12,981 more than during 1880, and the largest annual total since the Library was opened. The average number daily was 1,315, against 1,269 in 1880. The number of volumes issued to ladies was 3,603; in 1880, 1,398. The detailed table which follows shows that the issue was much more regular throughout the year. In 1880 the difference between the largest (winter) and smallest (summer) monthly total was 20,174, whereas in 1881 it was no more than 16,900. From this the inference may be drawn that the known crowded condition of the rooms in the winter months has deterred some readers from coming. The largest daily issue yet recorded was 2,202 on 19th Nov., 1881; but there was no weekly or monthly total so large as those of 1880 mentioned in the last Report. The proportions of issues in the several classes remain very similar to those of former Reports. Poetry and the Drama, and Miscellaneous Literature may be said to be in the same proportions as last year; Prose Fiction has declined from 10·32 to 8·57 per cent. of the whole issue, the consequence being a slight relative increase in Theology, History, Sociology, Art and Science, and Linguistics. The lessened proportion in Fiction is no doubt due to the smallness of the collection of works in that class which the Library possesses.

"As in former Reports, the statistics of issue do not include the very large use made of the current numbers of magazines and other periodicals, which, to the number of 180, are placed on the tables in the upper room. Of this reading no regular account is kept, but, with a view to obtain some idea as to its amount, some occasional counts have been made. These show that, of the total number of readers who enter the Library, more than a third do not make any application for books, but read only the magazines and reviews. Many of those who take out books read also some of the magazines, so that it will be seen that these form a very important part of the provision made by the Library for the

use of its readers. Probably the reading of the current numbers of the periodicals is not much less in amount than the reading of books issued over the counter.

“Owing to the greater regularity of the attendance during the year, the inconvenience arising from overcrowding has not, perhaps, been felt in so great a degree as during some former periods; but it has been sufficiently serious at many times to interfere much with the comfort of readers, and consequently to reduce their number and so restrict the usefulness of the Library.

“With regard to the general arrangements for the convenience of readers, the occupations and ages of the frequenters, the large amount of reading evidently for purposes of education and self-improvement, and the generally admirable conduct (though with a few grievous exceptions) of the readers, the circumstances of the past year do not differ from those of former years, and so do not call for special remark.

“It has been said that the public Library of any city or town should contain as many volumes as there are inhabitants. Whether that be so or not, I may be permitted to point out that the Mitchell Library is, notwithstanding the good progress made, still far from being what the Reference Library of such a city as Glasgow is should be, and to say respectfully that every effort should still be made both to increase its store of books, and to provide it with a home of greater permanence and security than the present rooms, where its useful and beneficent work may be carried forward under better and pleasanter conditions.

“I remain, very respectfully,

“My Lord Provost and Gentlemen,

“Your obedient servant,

“F. T. BARRETT.

“GLASGOW, 18th March, 1882.”

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1881.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open	Month.	Theology, Philosophy, Natural History	History, Biography, Travels	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce	Art, Science, and Natural History	Poetry and the Drama.	Literature	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous Literature	TOTAL.	Daily Average, 1881.	Daily Average, 1880.
25	January,	3,437	8,749	1,251	7,154	2,980	1,290	3,330	11,654	39,863	1,505	1,667
24	February,	2,982	8,489	1,244	7,179	2,897	1,220	3,280	11,023	38,305	1,506	1,590
27	March,	3,337	8,806	1,232	8,359	3,447	1,332	3,483	12,511	42,527	1,575	1,355
25	April,	2,779	6,026	841	6,623	2,735	992	2,744	9,376	33,016	1,321	1,174
25	May,	2,993	5,454	795	5,313	1,951	854	2,139	7,429	27,129	1,085	930
26	June,	2,672	5,306	769	5,779	1,840	794	2,245	7,935	27,340	1,052	934
25	July,	2,344	5,309	742	4,963	1,691	668	2,366	7,544	25,627	1,025	891
26	August,	2,766	6,475	1,034	5,625	2,001	834	2,917	8,050	29,722	1,143	1,060
26	September,	3,447	7,399	1,140	7,302	2,336	1,186	3,551	9,642	36,003	1,385	1,341
25	October,	3,077	6,711	1,117	6,483	2,277	1,123	2,878	9,074	32,740	1,310	1,407
26	November,	3,682	7,329	1,332	7,526	2,547	1,265	2,994	10,595	37,270	1,433	1,479
27	December, ..	3,462	6,497	1,156	6,909	2,270	1,074	2,653	10,130	34,171	1,266	1,397
307	Total in each Class, 1881.	36,978	83,450	12,694	79,406	28,981	12,682	34,589	114,983	408,713	1,315	1,289
308	Total in each Class, 1880	34,788	79,395	10,269	75,160	28,195	10,969	40,345	111,611	390,732	1,269	...
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	9.16	20.67	3.14	19.67	7.18	3.13	8.57	28.48	100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class,	1.4	27.2	41	259	94	41	113	375	1,315	...	...
	Turnover (a),	7.23	10.67	4.14	12.55	5.65	19.26	149.74	18.27	11.66	...	...

(a) Or number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARY, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPRINTED HERE FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN FORMER ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AS A RECORD OF THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

MR. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, to "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND"; and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself, as expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* large Public Library, with all the modern accessories. All books, not immoral in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to it and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the "Mitchell Library" a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt, the object of those intrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must specially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works, to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing for Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than to multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present; and the committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on "Free Town Libraries and Museums," prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

"3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be, in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public." By many the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent project for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. No idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter; or of the committee of the House of Commons when they investigated into

the nature and extent of the want, and recommended the readiest and most efficient remedy; or of the Legislature when it adopted and embodied the committee's proposal of a small rate to be levied for the creation and support of town libraries. Established on any other principle than that of meeting a great social want by a great public effort, in a spirit of the most perfect catholicity and comprehensiveness, the whole system would be false in principle and erroneous in policy; and not even the advantage of a rate levied under legislative enactment would prevent it from hastening into inutility and decay. The working-classes, who, by reason of their superior numbers, would be the chief contributors to the foundation and support of a town library, would also share the most largely in its benefits; but as the library would be the property of no class in particular, and the books would be chosen with a view to the requirements of a diversified population, so the professional man, the scholar, the merchant, the manufacturer, the mechanic, the chemist, the student of nature or of art, would each, in his own place and proportion, and according to his tastes and pursuits, share freely and of right in the literary treasures accumulated at the common expense.

"4. A public library, in order to its being adapted to a great community, should be eminently distinguished by the character of *generality*; and its true and permanent value, apart from its fully meeting the demands of ordinary readers, will consist in its being in possession of all that is most useful and interesting in every branch of knowledge. Not only should it embrace the best books in every department of human inquiry, so as to be of value to men of every profession; but the ornamental ought to blend with the useful, and—as in the case of the free public libraries of Manchester and Liverpool, and of many libraries in the United States—those works should be acquired which, owing to the cost of their production, the splendour of their illustrations, their sumptuous typography, their antiquity or rarity, are only to be found at present in possession of a few academic and other institutions, and are virtually excluded from the inspection of the common people."

A library thus formed, it is true, will not serve the purposes of District Libraries, the books in which may be lent out to the inhabitants and read in suitable reading-rooms attached to the libraries. The value of such libraries and reading-rooms can scarcely be over-estimated in a community like that of Glasgow. But, though district libraries may be provided by other means, which will be afterwards noticed, they cannot be procured under the Mitchell Bequest, the object and purpose of which are different. Let it not be said, however, that the Mitchell Library so constituted would be a library for the rich. To say so is to ignore the fact that many of those who have most distinguished themselves and benefited the world by their researches and discoveries, and by their contributions to literature in every department, have sprung from the humblest ranks. To such men, and to men of like spirit and sympathies, the command of such appliances of knowledge as the Mitchell Library will offer to every person in Glasgow, is a boon which cannot be regarded as in any sense limited to a class.

It will be observed that Mr. Mitchell's Bequest is appointed by himself to accumulate till it amounts to £70,000 at least before the formation of the library is begun. The net sum received from his trustees was £66,998 10s. 6d.; and the interest which has since accrued makes the sum now available about £70,360. This sum comprehends the value of books purchased, including the library of the late Professor Cosmo Innes, and purchases made at the sale of the valuable library of the late Professor Stevenson. In making these purchases, under the authority of the Magistrates and Council, the Committee mainly desired to secure many works which are not often to be met with. But it must not be assumed that the collection already made indicates in any way the composition of the future library, which, as has already been said, should be of the widest and most universal character.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined to be, should, in the opinion of the committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisites of a great library, including a consulting-room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for indefinite future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, it will be for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, to do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland, 1867) Amendment Act, 1871," to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts—copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrates and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days after receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, or by ten householders—i.e., parliamentary and municipal electors—to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of such requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 shall be adopted. The Meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the same comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting, and sign the same.

If the meeting of householders determine against the adoption of the Act, no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted, may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in them; and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and fit up, furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums, provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, of not more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, a sum "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty years' purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rental of

Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum ; and under the power thus conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say 4½ per cent per annum, would absorb, say, £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say,

1,100

£3,575

This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers ; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors not members of the committee of management ; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council ; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say four district libraries, besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading-room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view, should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may from time to time, prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or any others which may, from time to time, be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, or in printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found

necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article ; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877. .

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

OBJECTS —(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.

(b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877, the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." The proposal was warmly adopted by the "Western Burns Club," in the hope that it might result in the acquisition of a collection of the Editions of the Works of Burns to be permanently

placed in the City of Glasgow, freely accessible to all students and lovers of our National Bard.

It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers has not been reached, a considerable amount of success has attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed to be one of the most extensive in existence. It contained, at 31st December, 1881, 3,041 volumes, embracing the writings of 1,454 Authors.

The principal event of the year 1881 was the acquisition of the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by Mr. James Gibson, of Liverpool, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns published last year. This collection, including the Burns books which had been previously acquired, contains about 830 volumes, and comprises 330 separate editions of the Works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

The year 1882 is the last of the five years for which the original subscription of £1 a year was promised.

It is found that the work of collecting the Writings of Scottish Poets, if it is to be at all exhaustive, must be continued for some time. It is therefore proposed to keep the fund open, and to accept any donations or subscriptions, regular or occasional, which may be offered by those who sympathise with the project of completing, as far as possible, the collection, of which so encouraging a commencement has been made.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local, or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve, in many cases, local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement: may I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Appended is a list of Gentlemen who have subscribed, both in money and in books. I shall be most happy to receive the names of any others who would wish to assist.

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 7 East Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund and
Convenor of the Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1882.

“ POETS’ CORNER ”—*Continued.*

DONORS OF £5 EACH.—The Hon. The Lord Provost, Sir William Collins, Ex-Lord Provost, Sir James Bain, W. Rae Arthur, Esq., The late A. B. Stewart, Esq., of Bute, James King, Esq., Jas. A. Campbell, Esq., LL.D., M.P., J. D. Marwick, Esq., LL.D., Ex-Bailie John Craig, Bailie MacBean, Bailie Colquhoun, Bailie Finlay, Preceptor Mathieson, Treasurer Hamilton, Bailie Mowat, Campbell Douglas, Esq., W.B.C., Bailie M’Onie, Provost Sandeman, Dr. Anderson Kirkwood, Archd. Crombie, Esq., John Burnet, Esq., George Paterson, Esq., James Salmon, Esq., William Clark, Esq., Bailie Watson, Councillor Bertram, Councillor Lamberton, Bailie W. Wilson, W.B.C., R. A. Bogue, Esq., Walter Alexander, Esq., W.B.C., Geo. Buchanan, Esq., W.B.C., Walter Easton, Esq., W.B.C., The late G. Fyffe Christie, Esq., W.B.C., The late Councillor James Wallace, A. H. M’Lean, Esq., J. Jex Long, Esq., Messrs. Farquhar & Roxburgh, Messrs. Middleton & Kilpatrick, Alexander Drew, Esq., David S. Cargill, Esq., Councillor James Reid, £10, James Richardson, Esq., W.B.C., P. Comyn Macgregor, Esq., W.B.C., Dr. Muirhead, Cambuslang, Henry Leck, Esq., Charles Tennant, Esq., M.P., J. B. Mirrlees, Esq., Ex-Lord Dean of Guild, Alex. Whitelaw, Esq., T. Clavering, Esq., a Donation, W. Fife, Esq., a Donation, John Wilson, Esq., a Donation, three Anonymous Donations.

DONORS OF BOOKS.—The Senate of the University of Glasgow, The Burns Club of Washington, U.S.A., William Aitken, Esq., J. Alexander, Esq., George Anderson, Esq., M.P., Robert Anderson, Esq., Allan Bayne, Esq., Messrs. Blackie & Son, W. Brockie, Esq., Sunderland, J. J. Brown, Esq., Robert Brown, Esq., Paisley, D. Bryce, Esq., James Carragher, Esq., Arbroath, The late Richard Chalmers, Esq., W. A. Clouston, Esq., George Donald, Esq., William Dowall, Esq., Andrew Drummond, Esq., D. H. Edwards, Esq., Brechin, James Ferguson, Esq., J. Finlayson, Esq., M.D., Robert Ford, Esq., Robert Forrester, Esq., Robert Gemmell, Esq., Stipendiary Gemmel, Glasgow, E. Gibb, Esq., J. Gibson, Esq., M. Graham, Esq., James Hedderwick, Esq., W. Henderson, Esq., Hugh Hopkins, Esq., Thomas Johnston, Esq., J. J. Leighton, Esq., London, The late W. Logan, Esq., P. M’Arthur, Esq., A. M’Call, Esq., Chief Constable, J. M’Cosh, Esq., Charles Mackay, Esq., LL.D., W. Mackenzie, Esq., James M’Kie, Esq., Kilmarnock, Kenneth M’Lachlan, Esq., W. Maclean, Esq., James Maclehose, Esq., D. M’Nicol, Esq., John M’Oscar, Esq., M.D., London, Rev. D. Macrae, Messrs. Marr, Downie, & Co., Thomas Mason, jun., Esq., Robert Mennon, Esq., Berwick, J. S. Mills, Esq., Alex. G. Murdoch, Esq., The late Provost Murray, Paisley, Messrs. T. Murray & Son, A. Neilson, Esq., William Neilson, Esq., Robert Nelson, Esq., James Nicholson, Esq., Mrs. James Paton, Mrs. Paton, Perth, R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Esq., M.P., W. Perrett, Esq., Thomas Reid, Esq., James Richardson, Esq., A. Ross, Esq., J. B. Russell, Esq., M.D., Henry Shanks, Esq., Mrs. M. A. Smith, Elliot Stock, Esq., London, Representatives of the late John Tennant, Esq., R. W. Thom, Esq., Andrew Wallace, Esq., Bailie W. Wilson, William Wilson, Esq., Paisley, J. Muir Wood, Esq. Several gifts of books have been received from Donors who prefer to remain anonymous.

LIST OF SOME OF THE WORKS ADDED TO THE
LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR, 1881. (*See also*
LIST OF DONATIONS, pp. 33-42; and LIST OF PERIODICALS
IN PROGRESS, pp. 29-32.

GLASGOW BOOKS.—Curiosities of Glasgow Citizenship, by Stewart; History of Glasgow, by Macgregor, 1881; Glasgow Art Club, Black and White Sketches; Among the Rocks around Glasgow, by Bell; The River Clyde, by Deas.

SCOTTISH BOOKS—HISTORICAL, TOPOGRAPHICAL, ETC.—Sculptured Monuments of Iona, by Drummond; Edinburgh Architectural Sketch Book, 1875-79, 2 vols.; Scotland in Early Christian Times, by Anderson; Loch Etive and the Sons of Uisnach. Past and Present of Aberdeenshire, by Paul; Charters of the Friars Preachers of Ayr; Ordnance Plan of the Parish of Bothwell, 2 vols., 1860; Buchan, by Pratt, 3rd edition; Crieff: Its Traditions, etc.; Inscriptions in Greyfriars Churchyard, Edinburgh, by Brown; Lanarkshire Topographical Collections, compiled by the late James Maidment, 6 vols.; Sketches of Moray, by Rhind; Lichens from an Old Abbey (Paisley); A Summer in Skye, by Smith; History of Stirlingshire, by Nimmo, 3rd edit., 2 vols.; Chronicles of Stratheden.

BIOGRAPHY.—The Book of Eminent Scotsmen, by Irving. Genealogical Chart of the Family of Bain, by Rogers; Genealogical Collections concerning the Sir-name of Baird, 1870; Family of Smollett of Bonhill, edited by Irving. Life of James Bruce of Kinnaird, by Murray, 1808; Life of Colin Campbell, Lord Clyde, by Shadwell; Life of John, Lord Campbell, by Mrs. Hardcastle, 2 vols.; Carlyle's Reminiscences, edited by Froude, 2 vols.; Thomas Carlyle, by Conway; Thomas Carlyle, by H. J. Nicoll; Thomas Carlyle, by W. H. Wylie; George Hope of Fenton Barns; Life of King James the First, by Chambers, 2 vols.; Life of Sir Charles Lyell, by Mrs. Lyell, 2 vols.; Macdonalds and Lords of the Isles, by Mackenzie; Memoir of David Murray, by Murray; Life of Alexander Raleigh; Historical Memoirs of Rob Roy, by Macleay; Memoirs of George Thomson; Life of George Troup.

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- WELL-WISHER. Statistical Sketches of Upper Canada, by a Backwoodsman; Memorials of James, Eleventh Baronet of Colquhoun and Luss; Random Recollections of the House of Commons, by J. Grant; Memoir of George Fraser, Glasgow; Paul's Letters to his Kinsfolk, by Sir W. Scott; Collection of Sacred Translations, Paraphrases, and Hymns, by S. Macgill, Glasgow; Titi Livii Patavini Historiarum, Glasguæ; Publii Terentii Afri Comoediae Sex, ex Editione Westerhovii, Glasguæ; Nomina Virgiliana Propria, by W. Lorrain, Glasgow; Novum Testamentum, Greek and Latin, edit. by H. A. Aitton, Glasgow; Poems, by A. Ramsay, Glasgow; Collection of Scots Proverbs, by A. Ramsay; the Book of Psalms, by J. Reid; Principles of Christian Philosophy, by J. Burns, Glasgow; Glasgow Choral Union Programmes, 1877-78; Marcian Colonna and other Poems, by Procter; The Bee Preserver, by Miss S. Graham; Sermons, by W. M'Culloch; Discourses on the Lord's Supper, by J. Brown; Jubilee Services of the Rev. J. Brown; On Religion, by J. Brown; Structures in the Sea, D. Miller; Poetical Sketches, etc., by A. A. Watts; Letters on Sicily, by W. Irvine; Wild Flowers of Solitude, by J. Lee; Letters of Mary Lepel, Lady Hervey; Sermons, by H. Melvill; Rough Notes of Some Journeys across the Pampas and among the Andes, by F. B. Head; The Omen, by J. Galt; Scripture Characters Illustrated, by W. M'Gavin, Glasgow; The Seasons, by J. Thomson (Foulis); Paradise Regained, by J. Milton (Foulis); Poems on Several Occasions, by J. Milton; Souvenir of a Tour in America, by Watson; The Rudiments of Music, by R. Bremner; Infant Training, (Glasgow); Historical Collections Relative to Belfast; Plurality of Worlds, by A. Maxwell; Collection of English Prose and Verse; A Plea for Woman, by Mrs. H. Reid; Memorials of the Nonconformist Ministers of the Seventeenth Century, collected by Rev. J. Brown; The Fable of the Bees, by Mandeville; The Fleece, a Poem, by J. Dyer; Odes, by T. Gray; Poems, by R. Burns (Glasgow, Chapman & Lang); Sermons on Interesting Subjects, by Rev. R. Balfour of Glasgow; Philological Remarks concerning Beauty, by D. Prentice; Account of the Battle of Waterloo; Apology for the Bible, by R. Watson; Brooke and Brooke Farm, by H. Martineau; Platonis Apologia Socratis (Foulis); Lights and Shadows of the Fire Side, by J. Tyre; Primary Instruction in Relation to Education, by S. S. Laurie; Nursery Rhymes of England, by J. O. Halliwell; Scripture Principles of Education, by C. Fry; Travels in Italy, by J. Moore; Nimrod, a Poem; Spiritualism, by P. P. Alexander; Christian Doctrine of the Trinity, by I. Watts; Literature and Learning in England, by G. L. Craik, vol. 6 (containing Notice of Burns); Life of Col. James Gardiner, by P. Doddridge; Remarks

on Life and Writings of Swift, by Earl of Orrery; Edinburgh Literary Journal, 1829 (Burns); The Poor Man's Sabbath, etc., by J. Struthers; Catalogue of Five Hundred Celebrated Authors; Elements of Mechanical Philosophy, by J. Robison; Works of A. L. Barbault, with Memoir by Lucy Aiken, 2 vols.; Law of Christ respecting Civil Obedience, by J. Brown; Observations on Reversionary Payments, by R. Price, 2 vols.; Improved System of Arithmetic, by W. Halbert; Notes on Brazilian Questions, by W. D. Christie; Literary and Dramatic Sketches, by J. B. Simpson; Biography of the British Stage; Scripture Doctrine of the Trinity, by S. Clarke; An Olio of Literary Anecdotes, etc., by W. Davis; History of Bristol, by J. Chilcott; Inquiry into the Nature of Heat, by J. Leslie; Lectures on Inflammation, by J. Thomson; Memoirs of J. Lackington; Hints to Mechanics, by T. Claxton; Improved Secular Instruction, by R. Dawes; Truths of Religion, by J. Douglas; Natural Philosophy, by G. Sinclair; Time and Time-Tellers, by J. W. Benson; Action of Declarator against the Chancellor, etc., of Glasgow University; Essay on Naval Tactics, by J. Clerk; The Musical Repository; Memoirs of the Rev. J. Hervey, by J. Brown; Catholic Doctrine of Redemption Vindicated, by A. Marshall, Kirkintilloch; Eikon Basilike: The Pourtrature of His Sacred Majestie in his Solitudes and Sufferings, 1648; Introductory Addresses delivered at the Opening of the University of Glasgow, 1870; Practical Remarks on Infant Education, by the Rev. Dr. and Miss Mayo; Men and Manners in Britain, by G. Thorburn; Games of Chance Unlawful, by Rev. W. Symington; Observations on the Harrogate Mineral Waters, by A. Myrtle; The new Harrogate Guide, third edition; Inaugural Addresses in the University of Edinburgh, by J. Lee; Influence of Mental Cultivation, etc., upon Health, by A. Brigham; The Attributes and Providence of God, by H. More, 3 vols., Foulis; Treatise of Arithmetic, by E. Cocker, 1765; Poems on Divine Subjects, with Memoir of J. Train, by J. Patterson; Glasgow Medical Examiner, 1831-32; Literary and Statistical Magazine for Scotland, vol. 2 (containing Poem, said to be by Burns); A Token for Mourners, by J. Flavel; Dove's Flight to a Thicket for her Life, by G. Frazer; Dens of London, and Six Years' Mission among them, by R. W. Vanderkiste; together with 47 other volumes and 150 pamphlets.

WILSON, BAILIE WILLIAM, F.S.A.Scot. Poems on Genius and Influence of Christianity, by W. Robb; Marican and other Poems, by H. Inglis; Views on the River Clyde, by Leighton and Swan; Posthumous Works of Frederick II., King of Prussia, Trans. by T. Holcroft, 13 vols.; Glasgow St. Andrew Society Banquet, 1880; Mercatoris Geographia, 1633, folio; Scroll Ornaments, by Knight; Poems, by T. Gray, Glasgow, Foulis, 1768; Caledonian Mercury, Edinburgh, 1727; Weekly Christian Teacher, Glasgow, vol. 1; His Majesties Poetical Exercises, James the Sixth; Cyclopædia of Moral and Religious Truths, by J. Bate; Christian Journal, 1851 and 1852, Glasgow; The Temple of Truth: Sermons, by Rev. D. Armstrong; Memoirs of George Buchanan, by D. Irving; Discourses by Rev. S. Macgill; Nightly Wanderings in the Gardens of the Sky, by J. Nicholson; Popular Works, by R. Macnish; Minutes of Wesleyan Conference, 1869-1880, 12 vols.; Illustrated Catalogue of the Industrial Department, International Exhibition, 1862, 2 vols.; Curiosities of Literature, by I. D'Israeli; Songs of Labour and Domestic Life, by A. Smart; Poetical Works, by G. Chaucer, 8 vols.; Songs of the Dramatists, Ed. by R. Bell; Technical Education in a Saxon Town, by H. M. Felkin; Handbook of the Glasgow Charities; Technical Education, by S. P. Thompson; Apprenticeship Schools in France; Conference of Managers of Reformatory and Industrial Institutions; Facsimile of Letter from Jean Burns, Widow of the Poet, to her Daughter; Penny Histories, printed in Glasgow, 2 vols.; Life and Work, vol. 3; with other three volumes and

one hundred and thirty pamphlets, chiefly for the Glasgow Collection and Poet's Corner.

WILSON AND M'CORMICK, Messrs., *the publishers*. John Ruskin, his Life and Work, by W. Smart; Thomas Carlyle, his Life and Work, by W. Martin; and "Queen of the Hebrides," the Tourist's Guide to Islay.

WOOD, J. MUIR. Poems in the Scots and English Dialect, by J. A. Linen; Poems chiefly in the Scottish Dialect, by J. Watt; Poems and Songs, by P. Livingstone.

ANONYMOUSLY. Eleven volumes and seventeen pamphlets.

NOTE AS TO BOOKS FOR HOME READING.

As applications have been made from time to time for Books for Home Reading, it may be useful to state that at STIRLING'S AND GLASGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY, 48 Miller Street, Subscribers may, for a very moderate sum, have choice of a large collection of excellent Books and Magazines.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1881.

Amount of Capital Stock at 1st Dec., 1880,	.	.	.	£65,621	6	2
Interest received during 1881,	.	.	.	2,585	17	2
				<u>£68,207</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Payments from 1st Dec., 1880, to 30th Nov., 1881.

Books,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	£662	5	4
Periodicals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	171	16	9
Binding and Repairing Books,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	115	8	0
Printing and Stationery,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	153	10	8
Salaries and Wages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	940	9	10
Rent and Taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	335	0	0
Coal, Gas, and Water,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	137	5	3
Insurance,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28	0	0
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	84	13	10
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67	6	3
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	139	0	0
									<u>£2,834</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th Nov., 1881.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65,372	7	5
									<u>£68,207</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Payments from Commencement to 30th Nov., 1881.

Books,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	£8,110	18	0
Periodicals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	644	0	7
Binding and Repairing Books,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	482	3	5
Printing and Stationery,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	624	14	10
Salaries and Wages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,854	18	6
Rent and Taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,602	2	2
Coal, Gas, and Water,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	537	2	9
Insurance,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	274	15	9
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,036	5	6
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	594	15	0
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,643	13	4
									<u>£20,405</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

Total Expenditure on Books, Periodicals, and Binding.

Year 1881, £949 10s. 1d.; from Commencement, £9,237 2s.

DUPLICATES.

The Mitchell Library has received, by donation and bequest, a considerable number of duplicate volumes. The Committee would be glad to arrange with other Libraries for exchanges of such duplicates as may be mutually desired. Communications on this subject may be addressed to Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 7 Ingram Street, East.

All books received in exchange for duplicates will be carefully recorded in the Library Stock Book, as presented by the Donor from whom such duplicates were received.

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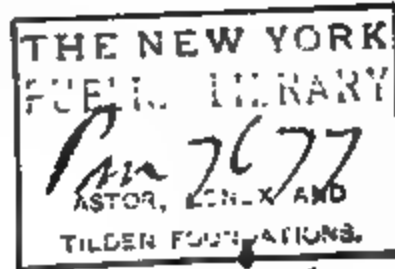
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COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1874-75 to 1877-78.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Adams, Clark, Collins, Morrison, Scott Torrens, Ure, and Wilson. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, Hugh Colquhoun, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, A. G. Macdonald, Alexander Mackenzie, Thos. A. Mathieson, William Miller, James Moir, John Neil, James Salmon, James L. Selkirk, W. R. W. Smith. The Lord Provost, *Convener*. Councillor James Salmon, *Sub-Convener*.

1878-79.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Ure, Adams, Scott, Clark. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors William Brown, Hugh Colquhoun, Archibald Dunlop, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, A. G. Macdonald, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

1879-80.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Scott, Colquhoun, Dunlop. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors James Adams, Peter Bertram, William Brown, Andrew S. Bryce, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan M'Pherson, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, John Ure, William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

1880-81.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Dunlop, Wilson, Colquhoun. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Depute River Bailie Selkirk. Councillors Peter Bertram, William Brown, Andrew S. Bryce, William Collins, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan M'Pherson, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, W. R. W. Smith, W. M'Neil Stuart, James Torrens. Bailie Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1881-82.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor JAMES M. FORRESTER.
Bailie DUNLOP.	Councillor JAMES GRAY.
Bailie WILSON.	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.
Bailie COLQUHOUN.	Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.
The DEAN OF GUILD.	Councillor ALEXANDER M'LAREN.
The DEACON-CONVENER.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
River Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor JOHN R. MILLER.
Councillor PETER BERTRAM.	Councillor JOHN NEIL.
Councillor WILLIAM BROWN.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
Councillor Sir WILLIAM COLLINS.	Councillor W. M'NEILL STUART.

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1882-83.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor J. M. FORRESTER.
Bailie WILSON.	Councillor JAMES GRAY.
Bailie BERTRAM.	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.
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River Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.

Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.

Bailie WILSON, *Convener*.

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: JAMES BROWN, ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: WILLIAM SIMPSON, E. A. H. KAY, HUGH M'GUIRE,
JOHN HALL, WILLIAM BELL.

Janitor: J. W. SINCLAIR.

ANNUAL REPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

TO

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

THE committee appointed to conduct the Mitchell Library beg to submit, for the year 1882, their Fourth Annual Report, and, in doing so, refer with satisfaction to the continued prosperity of the institution. It is true that the number of readers was not so large as in some former years, but it was still very large; indeed, at times the attendance was more than could be comfortably accommodated. Your committee believe that the experience of the five years during which the Library has been open demonstrates conclusively the great want there was in the City for an institution of this kind. During that period more than 1,750,000 volumes have been issued to readers (1,200 to 1,300 daily), in addition to a very large use made of the numerous periodicals placed on the tables in the upper room; and as the rooms have been frequently so crowded as to be inconvenient, and even unpleasant, there is no doubt that even this number would have been largely exceeded had the accommodation been more suitable and better fitted to meet the requirements of the citizens. This fact appears to render it unnecessary to say more, either as to the need which has so far been supplied, or as to the extent to which the public have taken advantage of the benefits offered by the Library.

During the year there was no single accession of books of such importance as the library of Bailie Moir in 1881, or that of Mr. Richard Chalmers in 1880; but it will be seen from the statistical tables and lists which follow that considerable additions to the Library have been made, which bring up the total number of volumes to over 45,000. Another five years of similar progress will place the Mitchell Library among the more important public libraries of the Kingdom.

With regard to the question of suitable and permanent premises, your committee are in the same position as at the last Annual Report. The insufficiency of the premises now occupied becomes more severely felt as the Library grows; and the surroundings are very unsuitable. While saying this, they desire to acknowledge the liberality of the proprietor, who has intimated that for the present the terms of occupancy will remain as at first arranged, namely, that the upper flat will continue free of rent. During the year several buildings and sites for building have been offered, but none of them were such as, in present circumstances, your committee could lay before you for acceptance.

Your committee think it their duty to repeat that the want of suitable premises for the Library is a most serious hindrance to its progress, and is productive of injury to it. At a recent meeting in the Corporation Galleries, Mr. J. Wyllie Guild stated that it was a fact within his own knowledge that within the last few years at least two very valuable private libraries would have been bequeathed to the City if there had been a secure and adequate public building devoted to library purposes.

Your committee have again the pleasant duty of expressing their cordial thanks to gentlemen who have presented books and pamphlets of value and interest. A full list of these will be found appended.

The municipal authorities of some of the principal cities and burghs of the Kingdom were applied to for copies of their statements of municipal revenue and expenditure; and, in response, copies of accounts were received from Aberdeen, Cork, Dublin, Edinburgh, Inverness, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Paisley, and Perth.

They have also the satisfaction of reporting that the Town-Clerk has received from the Registrar of Friendly Societies, under Act 6 and 7 Vict., cap. 36, as amended by 38 and 39 Vict., cap. 60, a certificate relieving the Library from the payment of county, burgh, parochial, and other local rates.

During the year a co-operation, beneficial to both libraries, has been maintained with Stirling's Library. At each the catalogue of the other has been placed at the service of readers, so that they were enabled to see what books were accessible at both libraries; and an exchange of duplicate books has been made, to the enrichment of both. The Mitchell Library has been further increased by exchanges of duplicates with other libraries.

Your committee report with pleasure that the bust of Mr. Mitchell, the founder of the Library, has been completed by Mr. Mossman. Those who knew Mr. Mitchell are of opinion that, notwithstanding the want of any but very slight materials, Mr. Mossman has succeeded in producing a bust which is excellent as a likeness, as it is acknowledged by all who have seen it to be

admirable as a work of art. In the absence of suitable accommodation for it in the Library rooms, it remains at present, together with the excellent bust of Bailie Moir, at the Council Chambers.

The financial statement shows that the expenditure of the year is less than the income derived from interest of the trust fund.

Your committee are glad to be able again to express their great satisfaction with the service rendered by the Librarian, and the whole staff of the Library.

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE,

WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener*.

“ APPENDIX.

“ LIBRARIAN’S REPORT.

“ TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ The fifth year of the active existence of the Mitchell Library (1882) has been marked, as were the former years, by substantial progress in the work of building up what it is hoped will some day become a public library not unworthy of Glasgow, or inadequate in view of the City’s many and varied requirements. Although there have been received no collections of books of the same extent and importance as some recorded in previous years, the considerable total of 4,929 books and pamphlets was added, as shown in the following table :—

“ At 31st December, 1881, the number of volumes in the Library, as stated in the last Report, was 40,096

“ There were added during 1882—

Books, ...	...	...	...	4,131	
Pamphlets, ...	...	...	...	810	
				—	4,941

Which were acquired—

By purchase,	2,734	
„ gift,	2,207	
				—	4,941

<i>Carry forward,</i>	4,941	40,096
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<i>Brought forward,</i>	4,941	40,0
And which are classified as follows—				
Theology, Philosophy, and Ec-				
clesiastical History,	...	792		
History, Biography, Voyages,				
and Travels,	...	879		
Law, Politics, Sociology, Com-				
merce,	...	680		
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,		953		
Poetry and the Drama,	...	346		
Linguistics,	...	33		
Prose Fiction,	...	82		
Miscellaneous Literature (a),	...	1,176		
		—	4,941	
From this number must be deducted—				
Books worn out,	...	6		
Books stolen or mutilated,	...	5		
Lost, no clue,	...	1		
		—	12	
Showing a net addition of	...	...	...	4,0
And in the Library at 31st December, 1882 (b),	...			45,0

“A table, showing the classification of the books in the Library with the manner of their acquisition, will be found at p. 31, an list of some of the works added at pp. 24-31.

“The locating these added books has been carried on un considerable difficulty, owing to the insufficiency of the sp available for this purpose. On the lower or principal floor arrangement of the several classes has been maintained, but in upper room this has not been found practicable, and the resul a considerable overlapping and mixing. It should be stat however, that this does not interfere with the service of the pub as the arrangements are such as ensure the ready finding of a book asked for. More difficulty arises from the fact that many the book-shelves are in places to which access is inconvenient.

“As regards number of volumes, the Library is now, it believed, the seventh in Scotland, the six larger libraries be the Advocates’ and Signet Libraries in Edinburgh, and

“(a) The class described as ‘Miscellaneous’ consists chiefly of wo which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopæd collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

“(b) Not including more than 1,000 duplicates available for sale exchange.

Libraries of the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and St. Andrews. It thus appears that of libraries to which the public have a right of free access, the Mitchell Library is now the largest in Scotland.

“The three special collections continue to increase with the general growth of the Library.

“The ‘Poets’ Corner,’ a collection of the works of poets and verse writers of Scottish birth, has been increased by 206 volumes, of which 40 belong to the Burns section. This section, which constitutes a most appropriate monument to the greatest of Scottish poets, now contains 333 editions of his works, together with biographies, criticisms, essays, etc., in all 870 items. ‘The ‘Poets’ Corner’ now contains (including Burns) 3,247 volumes, representing about 1,500 writers.

“To the department devoted to Glasgow books and pamphlets 368 have been added, making the present total more than 1,900. It may be useful to repeat that in this department it is hoped to place ‘copies of all books, pamphlets, periodical publications, maps, plans, pictorial illustrations, and generally all papers which in any way illustrate the city’s growth and life.’ This collection and preservation of local records is now recognised by nearly all public libraries as one of the most important duties incumbent on them.

“The Library has been collecting also specimens of early Glasgow printing. During 1882, 129 were received—many as gifts; and the whole number is now 550. Of these, 272 bear the Foulis imprint in one or other of its forms. They are, it is believed, not much more than half of the books issued by that distinguished house. It is much to be desired that the Library should possess copies of all works bearing their name.

“A suggestion that an effort should be made to collect copies of all works relating to the Scottish Covenanters has been approved by a resolution of the committee. Some books have been acquired in pursuance of this resolution; but the progress as yet made is small. It is hoped that, when the next Annual Report is issued, a statement will be included of satisfactory progress in the formation of a collection on this interesting subject.

“The number of volumes issued to readers during the year was 366,225. This, as compared with the previous year (1881), was a decrease of 37,488 (9·28 per cent.). It was smaller also than the issues of 1880 and 1879. This comparatively slight falling-off cannot be considered surprising, and the fact that it was not, in the circumstances, much larger, affords a gratifying evidence of the hold on the appreciation of the citizens which the Library has acquired. During the period of depression of trade and deficiency of occupation the attendance of readers at the Library had increased at a very unusual rate. In the year 1879 the number was almost

double that of 1878, and during 1880 and 1881 was still further increased. In 1882 the improvement in trade had reduced much the number of unemployed persons, and to this cause may be probably due the lessened issue above recorded. From the opening of the Library (5th November, 1877) to the end of 1882 the total number of volumes handed to readers was 1,753,702.

"The several classes of literature in which the Library is arranged maintain substantially the same proportions of the issue as in former years. In two the proportion is greater, Theology, which has increased from 9·16 per cent. of the whole issue to 10·34 (it may be mentioned in passing that the proportion in this class has steadily increased during the last four years), Arts and Sciences from 19·67 to 20·79. In two classes the proportion has decreased; History from 20·67 to 19·51, and Poetry from 7·18 to 6·15. The other classes—Law, 3·30; Philology, 3·06; Prose Fiction, 8·34; and Miscellaneous Literature, 28·4—are in very nearly the same proportions as last year.

"The number of individual readers, as distinguished from volumes issued, was counted on ten days at different periods of the year, and on different days of the week, so as to get as near an approximation as possible to the actual number in the whole year, and a careful examination was made of the readers' tickets on these days, in order to ascertain what proportion of readers consulted current periodicals only and what proportion books. The result shows that for every 100 volumes issued there came to the Library 90 readers, of whom 37 read only the current periodicals, while 53 consulted books, and, no doubt, in many cases periodicals also. Applying these figures to the total issue it appears that 328,357 persons entered the Library during the year—a daily average of 1,073. Each reader of books handed in an average, 1·49 readers' tickets; the number of volumes delivered to each reader being 1·89.

"The periodicals placed on the tables of the upper room exceed 200 in number. A list will be found at pp. 32-36.

"I trust I shall be pardoned if I conclude this Report, as for the future, by respectfully urging the need still for constant progress. Notwithstanding what has been done so far, the work is still before us. Without entering into comparisons, it must be admitted that in this matter of public libraries Glasgow is far from being in a position adequately to meet the requirements of the people, or befitting her eminence in other departments of public work.

"I am, very respectfully,

"Your obedient servant,

"F. T. BARRETT.

"GLASGOW, 16th January, 1883."

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1882.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of Magazines and Periodicals.)

Page Open.	MONTH.	Theology Philosophy History	History, Geography Travels	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce	Art, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama	Literature.	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous Literature.	TOTAL.	Daily Average, 1882.	Daily Average, 1881.
23	January,	3,717	7,943	1,211	7,355	2,562	1,100	2,764	10,921	37,578	1,503	1,596
24	February,	3,051	7,217	985	6,489	1,994	986	2,730	9,700	33,231	1,385	1,596
27	March,	3,866	7,189	1,132	7,238	2,256	1,144	3,129	10,019	36,013	1,334	1,575
24	April,	3,091	5,773	854	6,217	1,960	986	2,429	7,698	29,008	1,209	1,321
26	May,	3,011	4,481	815	5,618	1,422	807	2,115	6,877	25,146	967	1,085
26	June,	2,857	4,561	703	5,536	1,368	670	2,145	7,229	25,059	964	1,052
25	July,	1,874	3,908	582	4,514	1,241	520	1,868	6,045	20,552	822	1,025
27	August,	2,809	5,176	786	6,059	1,662	732	2,527	7,672	27,423	1,016	1,143
26	September,	3,039	6,093	1,032	6,794	1,897	958	2,989	9,037	31,839	1,225	1,385
25	October,	3,360	6,632	1,215	6,927	1,971	895	2,711	9,598	33,309	1,332	1,310
26	November,	3,856	6,887	1,565	6,824	2,214	1,256	2,812	10,640	36,054	1,387	1,433
25	December,	3,349	5,578	1,192	6,533	1,984	1,134	2,329	8,909	31,008	1,240	1,266
306	Total in each Class, 1882,	37,880	71,438	12,092	76,124	22,581	11,198	30,557	104,405	366,225	1,197	1,315
307	Total in each Class, 1881,	36,978	83,450	12,694	79,406	28,981	12,632	34,589	114,983	403,713	1,315	...
	Class Percentage of whole Issue, . . .	10.34	19.51	3.30	20.79	6.15	3.06	8.34	28.51	100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class.	1.14	3.23	.20	9.49	.74	.37	1.00	3.41	1,197	...	...
	Turnover (a), . . .	6.04	7.49	2.47	10.07	3.74	16.08	97.93	14.18	8.59	...	...

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was loaned. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, erecting, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of "The Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such times and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library," such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of science or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may appear to be of the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the library or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not transgress the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council shall also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARY, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPRINTED HERE FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN FORMER ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AS A RECORD OF THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

Mr. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND;" and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the Constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent what must be the character of the library. It must be *one large Public Library*, with all the modern accessories. All books not immoral, in a broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of virtue, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise as to the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the "Mitchell Library" a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the disavowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The Committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it should become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt the object of those entrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unrepresented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must specially be taken that opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing Glasgow, what none of these special libraries already contain, than multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present, and the Committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the Committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on "Free Town Libraries and Museums" prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

"3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. By the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent provision for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. This idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter, than of the Committee of the House of Commons when they investigated

Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum ; and under the power thus conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say 4½ per cent. per annum, would absorb, say, £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say 1,100

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This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers ; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors, not members of the committee of management ; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council ; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming, then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say four district libraries, besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

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3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined to be should, in the opinion of the Committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisite of a great library, including a consulting-room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for indefinite future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, it will be for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, to do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland) 1867, Amendment Act, 1871," to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts—copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrate and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days after receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, or by the householders—i.e., parliamentary and municipal electors—to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of such requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 shall be adopted. The meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the same comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting and sign the same.

If the meeting of householders determine against the adoption of the Act no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in them and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and fit up, furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, of no more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, a sum "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty years purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rental of

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4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations, or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

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14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found

necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, October, 1877.

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

GLASGOW, 2nd June, 1881.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

OBJECTS—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.

(b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877, the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." The proposal was warmly adopted by the "Western Burns Club," in the hope that it might result in the acquisition of a collection of the Editions of the Works of Burns to be permanently

placed in the City of Glasgow, freely accessible to all students and lovers of our National Bard.

It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers has not been reached, a considerable amount of success has attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed to be one of the most extensive in existence. It contained, at 31st December, 1882, 3,247 volumes, embracing the writings of about 1,500 Authors.

The principal event of the year 1881 was the acquisition of the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by Mr. James Gibson, of Liverpool, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns published in 1881. This collection, including the Burns books which had been previously acquired, contains (31st December, 1882) about 870 volumes, and comprises 333 separate editions of the Works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

It is found that the work of collecting the Writings of Scottish Poets, if it is to be at all exhaustive, must be continued for some time. It is therefore proposed to keep the fund open, and to accept any donations or subscriptions, regular or occasional, which may be offered by those who sympathise with the project of completing, as far as possible, the collection, of which so encouraging a commencement has been made.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local, or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve, in many cases, local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement: may I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Appended is a list of Gentlemen who have subscribed, both in money and in books. I shall be most happy to receive the names of any others who would wish to assist.

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund and
Convener of the Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street.
Glasgow, 25th January, 1883.

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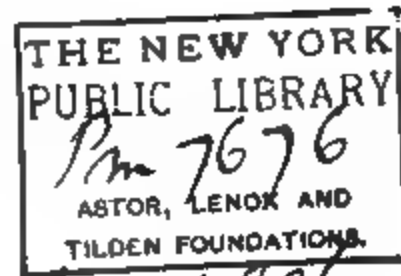
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The Lord Provost. Bailies Adams, Clark, Colquhoun, Dunlop, Scott, and Ure. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Councillors Peter Bertram, William Brown, Andrew S. Bryce, William B. Garvie, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, A. G. Macdonald, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan M'Pherson, Thomas A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, James L. Selkirk, James Torrens, and William Wilson. Councillor William Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

1880-81.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Dunlop, Wilson, and Colquhoun. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. Depute River Bailie Selkirk. Councillors Peter Bertram, William Brown, Andrew S. Bryce, William Collins, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, Alexander M'Laren, Duncan M'Pherson, Thos. A. Mathieson, James Moir, John Neil, W. R. W. Smith, W. M'Neill Stuart, and James Torrens. Bailie Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

1881-82.

The Lord Provost. Bailies Dunlop, Wilson, and Colquhoun. The Dean of Guild. The Deacon-Convener. River Bailie Selkirk. Councillors Peter Bertram, William Brown, Sir William Collins, James M. Forrester, James Gray, Henry Grierson, George Jackson, Alexander M'Laren, Thos. A. Mathieson, John R. Miller, John Neil, W. R. W. Smith, and W. M'Neill Stuart. Bailie Wilson, *Convener*. Councillor Thos. A. Mathieson, *Sub-Convener*.

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1882-83.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor J. M. FORRESTER.
Bailie WILSON.	Councillor JAMES GRAY
Bailie BERTRAM.	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.
The DEAN OF GUILD.	Councillor GEORGE JACKSON.
The DEACON-CONVENER.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
River Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor JOHN R. MILLER.
Councillor Sir WILLIAM COLLINS.	Councillor CUNISON D. RANKIN.
Councillor HUGH COLQUHOUN.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH
Councillor HUGH S. THOMSON.	
Bailie WILSON, <i>Convener</i> .	
Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON, <i>Sub-Convener</i> .	

1883-84.

The LORD PROVOST	Councillor JAMES H. MARTIN.
Bailie BERTRAM.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor JAMES MACFARLANE.
Bailie JACKSON.	Councillor CUNISON D. RANKIN.
The DEACON-CONVENER.	Councillor JOHN SHEARER, JUN.
Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN.	Councillor MICHAEL SIMONS.
Councillor JAMES GRAY.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
Councillor HENRY GRIERSON.	Councillor HUGH S. THOMSON.
Councillor WILLIAM WILSON.	
Councillor WILLIAM WILSON, <i>Convener</i> .	
Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON, <i>Sub-Convener</i> .	

Sub-Committee on Purchase of Books.

Bailie BERTRAM.	Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN.
Bailie SELKIRK.	Councillor THOS. A. MATHIESON.
Bailie JACKSON.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH
Councillor WILLIAM WILSON.	
Councillor WILSON, <i>Convener</i>	

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: JAMES BROWN, ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: WILLIAM SIMPSON, E. A. H. KAY, HUGH M'GUIRE,
JOHN HALL, DAVID GEDDIE, H. Y. SIMPSON.

Janitor: J. W. SINCLAIR.

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

TO

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GLASGOW,

1883.

IN submitting their Fifth Annual Report, being that for the year 1883, your Committee have to repeat substantially the language of their previous reports. Alike in its encouraging and its discouraging features, the experience of the year has been consistent with that of former years. On one hand, the Library has again received large and valuable additions of books, both by purchase and by the generous donations of friends; and the attendance of the public as readers has again been limited only by the extent of the accommodation provided. On the other hand, the work is still carried on under the serious difficulties inseparable from insufficient and unsuitable premises; and the Library is still exposed to undue risk of injury by fire.

It will be seen from the detailed Report which follows that 6,557 volumes and pamphlets have been added; a number above the average annual additions since the opening, and that the Library at 31st December, 1883, contained 51,582 volumes and pamphlets.

Your Committee believe that this must be regarded as very satisfactory progress in the six years of the Library's existence, especially when regard is had to the large proportion of important, rare, and standard works which it contains.

The additions of 1883 include many books of permanent value, and many which are becoming increasingly scarce and difficult to procure. In this connection they refer with very great pleasure to the gift by Mr. Alexander Gardyne, of London, of a large collection of Scottish literature—chiefly poetical. Mr. Gardyne has been for many years an assiduous collector of Scotch books in all departments of literature, and becoming much interested in the collection of Scottish poetry forming in the Library under the name of the "Poets' Corner," decided to present to it the greater part of his gatherings in that department, except such books as were already acquired. In this way the Library has become possessed

of a collection of books which it would have taken years of careful search and a liberal expenditure of money to purchase separately. In the beginning of the year the "Poets' Corner" was enriched by the acquisition of a very remarkable collection of papers relating to the celebrations in 1859 of the Centenary of the birth of Robert Burns. This collection was formed by Mr. James Gould of Edinburgh, and was the subject of considerable remark in the public journals about a year ago. It was purchased by means of a subscription promoted by Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., and the Convener of the Library Committee. A more particular account of it is given in a supplementary page (22). In a later page is also printed a list of the donations, with the names of the donors, both private and official. Your Committee beg to return to all their sincere thanks for the assistance thus given them in their work of building up an extensive and comprehensive library of reference for the use of the citizens of Glasgow. They are fully aware that—to quote the words of the report of the Committee of 1876, drawn up by Dr. Marwick—to do this must necessarily be the work of many years, and that they must still hope for the assistance of public-spirited citizens.

The number of readers during 1883 was slightly in excess of the previous year. A considerable increase is not to be looked for in the present premises, as for some years back they have been frequently crowded to inconvenience, especially in the evenings. During the last five years the difference between the highest and lowest annual total is only 37,000, or some 10 per cent., an indication that a limit has been reached. There can be no doubt that, large as the attendance has been, it would have been much larger had the accommodation been better suited to the demands upon it.

The provision of this better accommodation remains, as it has been from the commencement, the most important matter for the consideration of the Committee. They regret that they are not prepared at this time with any definite recommendation, and can only repeat their formerly expressed hope that ere long means may be found to secure a sufficient and suitable building. If this is not done, they feel that the remarkable promise of usefulness and success which has so far attended the Library cannot be fully realised.

Your Committee have again pleasure in referring to the friendly intercourse between the Mitchell Library and Stirling's Library. A further interchange of duplicate books has been arranged; and readers at each, when not finding the books they are in search of, are informed whenever it is found that they can be got at the other Library. Your Committee look upon the growing prosperity and success of Stirling's Library, which they have noted with great satisfaction, as another indication of the great field there is in

Glasgow for Library work, if only means were available for its proper cultivation.

Under the bequest by the late Bailie Moir of the residue of his estate for the purchase of books to be known as the "Moir Collection" in the Mitchell Library, a sum of £11,503 4s. 2d. has been received. In present circumstances, and while the Library is so much restricted in space, it has not appeared desirable to proceed immediately with the carrying out of the objects of Bailie Moir's bequest; but when the Library is provided with a larger and more adequate home, the possession of this fund will enable the Committee to secure for public use many of those great and costly works in Science, in Natural History, in Painting and Engraving, in Architecture, in Antiquities, in History, in Philosophy, and other subjects, which are now beyond their reach. This collection will form a memorial of our late friend such as any citizen might look forward to with pleasure, and will go far to place the Library on an equality with those of other cities. It should be kept in mind that works of this class are yearly becoming more difficult to procure, as copies are being permanently taken from the market by the great public libraries of Europe and America.

The usual detailed report of the Librarian, the statistics of the year's work, and relative lists of books added, of donations, of periodicals taken, etc., are appended.

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON,
Convener.

26th February, 1884.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

" TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

" GENTLEMEN,

" I beg respectfully to submit my Report on the progress and work of the Library during 1883 :—

" At 31st December, 1882, the number of volumes in the Library, as stated in the last Report, was ... 45,025

" There were added during 1883 :—

Books, ...	...	...	...	4,059	
Pamphlets, ...	...	...	...	2,517	
				—	6,576

" Which were added :—

By Purchase, ...	...	...	3,152	
By Gift, ...	...	...	3,424	
Carry forward, ...	...	—	6,576	45,025

<i>Brought forward, ...</i>	6,576	45,025
“ And which are classified as follows :—		
Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History, ...	1,146	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, ...	625	
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce, ...	738	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	967	
Poetry and the Drama, ...	1,939	
Linguistics, ...	130	
Prose Fiction, ...	65	
Miscellaneous Literature (a), ...	966	
	6,576	
“ From this number must be deducted :—		
Books worn out, ...	6	
Books stolen or mutilated, ...	7	
Duplicate entry withdrawn, etc.,	6	
	19	
	6,557	
“ Showing a net addition of ...		6,557
“ And in the Library at 31st December, 1883 (b), ...		<u>51,582</u>
“ The following are the Classifications of the Library at that date :—		
Books, ...	41,309	
Pamphlets, ...	10,273	
		51,582
Purchased (c), ...	34,348	
Received by Gift or Bequest (d), ...	17,234	
		51,582
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History, ...	7,710	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, ...	10,533	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce, ...	5,967	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History, ...	8,890	
Poetry and the Drama, including the “Poets’ Corner,”	8,068	
Linguistics, ...	844	
Prose Fiction, ...	436	
Miscellaneous Literature, ...	9,134	
		<u>51,582</u>

“(a) The class described as ‘Miscellaneous’ consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopædias, collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

“(b) Not including duplicates, available for sale or exchange.

“(c) Including 56 vols. received in exchange for duplicates purchased.

“(d) Including 1,156 vols. received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

"The number of separate works in the Library, as distinguished from volumes, is 32,498.

"A list of some of the works added will be found at pp. 25-30.

"With respect to the additions of the year, it may be said generally that they are such as will maintain or even increase the value of the Library, as a reference or consulting Library; and that they include a considerable number of books in various departments of Scottish literature which have become scarce and are now difficult to procure.

"It will be readily understood that the difficulty, which has been previously reported, and which arises from insufficiency of space, of finding appropriate locations for books added to the Library, increases with the growth of the Library. The new book-cases recently ordered to be placed in the public part of the upper room will give only a very temporary relief. Every effort will be made to place as conveniently as possible the accumulating stores of literary wealth, but it ought to be recorded that the work of carrying on the Library is rendered much more difficult; and the service of the public can hardly be so prompt and satisfactory as it may be hoped it will be in a better building.

"The 'Poets' Corner,' a collection of Scottish poetry and verse, has received a very extensive and important contribution in a donation from Mr. Alexander Gardyne, of London, of more than 1,300 'books and booklets,' of which many are scarce, and some of great rarity. The whole number added during the year is 1,569, of which 74 belong to the Burns section of the Library. The books now in this section number 944, and constitute, it is believed, the largest Burns library in existence. The number of volumes in the Poets' Corner (including Burns) is now 4,816.

"The 'Glasgow' collection of books, pamphlets, periodical publications, maps, plans, pictorial illustrations, and generally all papers which in any way illustrate the history of the city:—to this collection there have been added 291 items, including copies of some early periodicals now rarely seen, and making the whole number about 2,200 volumes.

"The collection of early Glasgow printing has been further enlarged by the addition of 200 volumes and pamphlets, 38 of them from the Foulis press. This department, which has a special interest as showing the character of the books provided for the people of Glasgow in the past, now numbers 750 volumes.

"Towards the formation of a collection of books on the Covenanters, a few additional volumes have been added, but the scheme has not as yet taken definite form. It is, however, kept in mind, and all available means will be taken to carry it into effect.

"The attendance of readers, and the number of volumes called for, were again very large, at times larger than the resources of

the Library could satisfactorily meet. During the year 381,607 volumes were handed to readers, being an increase of 15,382 compared with 1882, or 4.2 per cent. The second million volumes issued was completed at 6.45 p.m. on Saturday, 1st September, 1883, being 1,790 working days from the opening of the Library; and the total number of volumes issued from the commencement, 5th November, 1877, to 31st December, 1883, was 2,135,309. I am not aware of any previous instance in which so many books were read within the same period of the opening of a public library. The number of volumes issued to ladies was again small, only 2,181. For this the want of suitable separate accommodation is responsible, as experience elsewhere shows that where this is provided, ladies take advantage of the reference Libraries in large numbers.

“ With regard to the classes of persons by whom the Library is frequented, and the character of the books they ask for, the reports of previous years will stand good for this. A majority of the readers belong to the artisan class, and there are considerable numbers of clerks and students, with some professional men. A very large proportion are well under middle age, many under twenty. The reading again shows that very much of it is unmistakably for the advancement of education and the acquisition of information, many of the readers habitually taking copious extracts from the books they are perusing. Of the several classes. Arts and Sciences and Poetry show an increased percentage, while the proportion in History and Miscellaneous Literature is smaller, but the variation from previous years is very slight.

“ The Magazine Room, where are placed the current numbers of weekly, monthly, and quarterly periodicals, continues to be a very popular department of the Library. More than a third of the visitors consult only these periodicals, and make no call for books from the shelves. There is no count made of the number of references to the current periodicals, but it is estimated that they are not much fewer than the volumes issued over the counter.

“ You have permitted me in previous reports to express my view that such progress as had been made should be regarded principally as an incentive to further effort in the same direction; and I venture to think that this is not less true still. The work of the Library so far has not, if I may say so, disappointed the hopes with which we set out; but it is still in the initiatory stage, and the advance made must be continued and accelerated, and that for years, before the Library will be fully equal to the calls which will be made upon it.

“ I am, very respectfully,

“ Your obedient servant,

“ GLASGOW, 26th Feb., 1884.”

“ F. T. BARRETT.

Days Open	MONTH	Theology, Philosophy, Eccelesiastical History	History, Biography, Voyages and Travel	Law, Political Sociology, and Commerce	Art, Sciences, and Natural History	Poetry and the Drama	Literature	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous Literature	TOTAL	Daily Average 1883.	Daily Average 1882
26	January,	4,473	7,691	1,536	8,457	3,026	1,155	3,147	11,513	41,018	1,578	1,503
24	February,	3,512	6,493	1,471	7,374	3,767	794	2,657	9,642	35,710	1,488	1,385
27	March,	3,958	6,634	1,316	7,810	2,986	1,008	2,989	10,008	36,729	1,360	1,334
24	April, ...	2,815	5,070	957	6,479	2,209	801	2,044	7,989	28,964	1,207	1,209
26	May,	2,886	4,778	755	6,436	1,629	783	2,405	7,181	26,858	1,033	967
26	June,	2,524	4,674	783	5,687	1,706	723	2,302	6,537	24,936	959	964
25	July,	2,027	4,272	632	5,094	1,467	666	1,904	6,166	22,228	889	822
27	August, ...	2,889	5,192	865	6,969	1,843	870	2,737	7,611	28,976	1,073	1,016
25	September,	3,423	6,905	983	7,194	2,026	891	2,693	7,921	31,038	1,242	1,225
25	October,	3,502	5,688	1,034	7,023	2,470	892	3,014	8,823	32,466	1,299	1,332
26	November,	3,914	6,706	1,438	7,615	2,236	1,230	3,605	8,577	36,220	1,393	1,387
25	December,	4,182	6,834	1,323	7,095	3,243	998	3,218	9,576	36,469	1,459	1,240
306	Total in each Class, 1883,	40,107	69,967	13,133	83,238	28,607	10,811	33,215	102,544	381,607	1,247	1,197
306	Total in each Class, 1882,	37,880	71,438	12,092	76,124	22,531	11,198	30,557	101,405	366,225	1,197	..
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	10.51 1882-1883	18.33 19.51	3.44 3.30	21.81 20.79	7.50 6.13	2.83 3.06	8.71 8.34	26.87 28.51	100.00 100.00	..	..
	Daily Average Issue in each Class, ...	131 1882-1883	224 233	43 39	278 249	93 74	35 37	109 100	335 341	1,247 1,197	..	..
	Turnover (a),	5.90	6.87	2.37	9.91	4.52	14.57	86.05	11.93	8.13	..	..

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was loaned. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper: provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARY, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPRINTED HERE FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN FORMER ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AS A RECORD OF THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

MR. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND;" and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the Constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself, as expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* large Public Library, with all the modern accessories. All books not immoral, in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to it and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the "Mitchell Library" a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The Committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt the object of those entrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must especially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing for Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than to multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present; and the Committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the Committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on "Free Town Libraries and Museums," prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

"3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. By many the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent project for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. No idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter; or of the Committee of the House of Commons when they investigated into

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The testator's settlement, and the Constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent what must be the character of the library. It must be *one large Public Library*, with all the modern accessories. All books not immoral, in a broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the “Mitchell Library” a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The Committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt the object of the person entrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must especially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present, and the Committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

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4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain a book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

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14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by a reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found

necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

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17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, October, 1877.

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

GLASGOW, 2nd June, 1881.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

OBJECTS—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.

(b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877 the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." The proposal was warmly adopted by the Western Burns Club, in the hope that it might result in the acquisition of a collection of the editions of the Works of Burns to be permanently

placed in the City of Glasgow, freely accessible to all students and lovers of our National Bard.

It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers has not been reached, considerable amount of success has attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed now to be the most extensive in existence. It contained, on 31st December, 1883, 4,816 volumes, embracing the writings of about 2,000 Authors.

The principal event of the year 1881 was the acquisition of the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by Mr. James Gibson, of Liverpool, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns, published in 1881. This collection, including the Burns books previously and subsequently acquired, contains (31st December, 1883) about 950 volumes, and comprises 337 separate editions of the works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

Among the acquisitions of the year 1883 are two of special importance and interest. By the generous kindness of Mr. Alexander Gardyne, of London, the "Poets' Corner" has received the most important contribution ever made to it—a contribution placing it in extent far before all other collections of Scottish Poetry. No fewer than 1,300 "books and booklets" were received from this gentleman, who thus gives evidence that, though he has been for the greater part of his life absent from his native country, he still in his old age retains his love for Scotland and Scottish literature. The other addition was the collection made by Mr. James Gould, of Edinburgh, principally of records of the numerous Centenary celebrations of the Birth of Burns, held in all parts of the world, but containing also much curious and interesting matter relating to the Poet and his writings. The collection contains autographs of all the descendants of Burns who were living in 1859; of the authors of the principal essays on Burns, as John Wilson, J. G. Lockhart, and Thomas Carlyle; of a very large number of eminent persons who took part in the Centenary celebrations, including the Chairmen of nearly all the meetings held over the country; and of other persons connected in various ways with the Poet's memory. The bulk of the collection consists of reports of the Burns meetings, taken from the newspapers of their several localities, and including not only the meetings in Scotland, but those also of England, Ireland, the Colonies, India, and the United States. For the securing this very interesting and appropriate memorial of the Centenary for our Burns Library I am much indebted to Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., for his effective assistance in the private subscription necessary for the purchase. Great praise is due to Mr. Gould for the watchfulness, patience, and ingenuity, almost amounting to genius, with which during many years he laboured to render the collection as complete as possible.

It is found that the work of collecting the Writings of Scottish Poets, it is to be at all exhaustive, must, notwithstanding what has already been accomplished, be continued for some time. It is, therefore, proposed to keep the fund open, and to accept any donations or subscriptions, regular or occasional, which may be offered by those who sympathise with the project of completing, as far as possible, the collection of which so encouraging a commencement has been made.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland

has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve in many cases, local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement; may I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Appended is a list of Gentlemen who have subscribed both in money and in books. I shall be most happy to receive the names of any others who would wish to assist.

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund and
Convener of the Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1884.

"POETS' CORNER"—*Continued.*

DONORS OF £5 EACH.—The Hon. Lord Provost, W. M'Onie, Ex-Lord Provost John Ure, Sir William Collins, Sir James Bain, W. Rae Arthur, Esq., The late A. B. Stewart, Esq., of Bute, James King, Esq., Jas. A. Campbell, Esq., LL.D., M.P., J. D. Marwick, Esq., LL.D., Ex-Bailie John Craig, Bailie MacBean, Bailie Colquhoun, Bailie Finlay, Preceptor Mathieson, Treasurer Hamilton, Bailie Mowat, Campbell Douglas, Esq., W.B.C., Provost Sandeman, Dr. Anderson Kirkwood, Archd. Crombie, Esq., John Burnet, Esq., George Paterson, Esq., James Salmon, Esq., William Clark, Esq., Bailie Watson, Bailie Bertram, Councillor Lamberton, Preceptor W. Wilson, W.B.C., R. A. Bogue, Esq., Walter Alexander, Esq., W.B.C., Geo. Buchanan, Esq., W.B.C., Walter Easton, Esq., W.B.C., The late G. Fyfe Christie, Esq., W.B.C., the late Councillor James Wallace, A. H. M'Lean, Esq., J. Jex Long, Esq., Messrs. Farquhar & Roxburgh, Messrs. Middleton & Kilpatrick, Alexander Drew, Esq., David S. Cargill, Esq., Councillor James Reid, £10, James Richardson, Esq., W.B.C., P. Comyn Macgregor, Esq., W.B.C., Dr. Muirhead, Cambuslang, Henry Leck, Esq., Charles Tennant, Esq., M.P., J. B. Mirrlees, Esq., Ex-Lord Dean of Guild, Alexander Whitelaw, Esq., T. Clavering, Esq., a Donation, W. Fife, Esq., a Donation, John Wilson, Esq., a Donation, three Anonymous Donations.

DONORS OF BOOKS.—The Senate of the University of Glasgow, the Burns Club of Washington, U.S.A., Miss Aitken, William Aitken, Esq., J. Alexander, Esq., George Anderson, Esq., M.P., Robert Anderson, Esq., W. E. A. Axon, Esq., Allan Bayne, Esq., Messrs. Blackie & Son, W. Brockie, Esq., Sunderland, Colin Rae-Brown, Esq., J. J. Brown, Esq., Robert Brown, Esq., Paisley, Simon Brown, Esq., Charles Bruce, Esq., Wick, D. Bryce, Esq., J. Campbell, Esq., James Carragher, Esq., Arbroath, George Carter, Esq., The late Richard Chalmers, Esq.,

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LIST OF SOME OF THE WORKS ADDED TO THE
LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR, 1883. (*See also*
LIST OF DONATIONS, pp. 37-47; AND LIST OF PERIODICALS
IN PROGRESS, pp. 31-35).

GLASGOW BOOKS.—Biographical Sketches of the Lord Provosts of Glasgow, 1883. Progress of Glasgow, by Stewart. Glasgow and its Clubs, by Strang, 1864. "Daphne" Disaster Report, by Reed. Glasgow University Albums, 1845, 1847, 1854, 1858-9, 1874, 5 vols. Glasgow Post-Office Directory, 1828-29 (first published). A number of portions of sets of Early Glasgow Periodicals.

SCOTTISH BOOKS.—HISTORICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL.—Register of the Privy Council of Scotland, vol. 5; Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, 1455-1460, vol. 6. Extracts from the Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs, 1615 to 1711, 2 vols. Scotland in Pagan Times, by Anderson. Ancient Caledonians, by Macpherson; Ancient Kingdom of the Isles, Macdonald. Burgh of Edinburgh, Extracts from Records, 1573-1589. History of the Highland Clearances, by Mackenzie; Sutherland Evictions of 1844, by Sellar. 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, by Burgoyne. Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland, by Groome, vols. 3 and 4. Remarkable Ruins of North Britain, by Cordiner, 2 vols. Palaces of Mary of Scotland, by Mackie. Highlands of Scotland, by Cromb; Northern Highlands and Islands, by Baddeley; Journey to the Western Isles, S. Johnson, 1775 (first edition); Journey to the Western Isles, S. Johnson, Glasgow, 1817. Great North of Scotland Railway, by Reid and Ferguson. Walks along the Northern Roman Wall, by Waldie. Land of the Lindsays, by Jervise, 2nd ed. Alloa and its Environs, by Lothian; Charters of Ayr; History of Berwick-upon-Tweed, by Fuller; Busby and its Neighbourhood, by Ross; History of Dunfermline, by Mercer; Dunkeld, its Straths and Glens; Old and New Edinburgh, by Grant, vol. 3; Elgin, Past and Present, by Innes; Garelochside and Helensburgh, by Macleod; Reminiscences of Haddington, by Martine; History of Hawick, by Wilson; Rambles round Kilnarnock, by Adamson; Charters of Kilmaurs; Kilwinning Abbey, by Ker; Melrose, by Deans; History of Moffat, by Turnbull; Orkneys and Shetland, by Tudor; Saint Mirin [Paisley], by Semple, 3 vols.; Perth, its Annals and its Archives, by Peacock; Woods, Forests, etc., of Perthshire, by Hunter; Tour through the Highlands of Perthshire, by Ferguson; Isle of Skye in 1882-83, by Mackenzie.

BIOGRAPHICAL.—Writers of the Scots Nation, by Mackenzie, 3 vols. Caldwell Papers (New Club issue). House of Drummond, by Malcolm; House of Hamilton, by Anderson, 3 vols.; Records of the Family of Leslie, by C. Leslie, 3 vols.; History of the Mathesons, by Mackenzie; Family of Rose of Kilravock; Red Book of Menteith Reviewed, by Burnett. Lord-Advocates of Scotland, by Omond, 2 vols. Modern Athenians, by Crombie. Life of John, Duke of Argyle, by Campbell, 1745; The "Beggar Boy," an Autobiography, by Burn; Correspondence of Carlyle with Emerson, 1834-72, 2 vols.; Letters of Jane Welsh Carlyle, ed. by Froude, 3 vols.; Life of John Duncan, by Jolly; Life of Alex. Fleming, D.D., by J. Fleming; Sir William Hamilton, by Veitch; Life of James Clerk Maxwell, by Campbell and Garnett; James Nasmyth, an Autobiography, edited by Smiles; History of Rob Roy, by Millar; History of Mary Stewart, by Nau; Life of Prince Charles Stuart, by Ewald.

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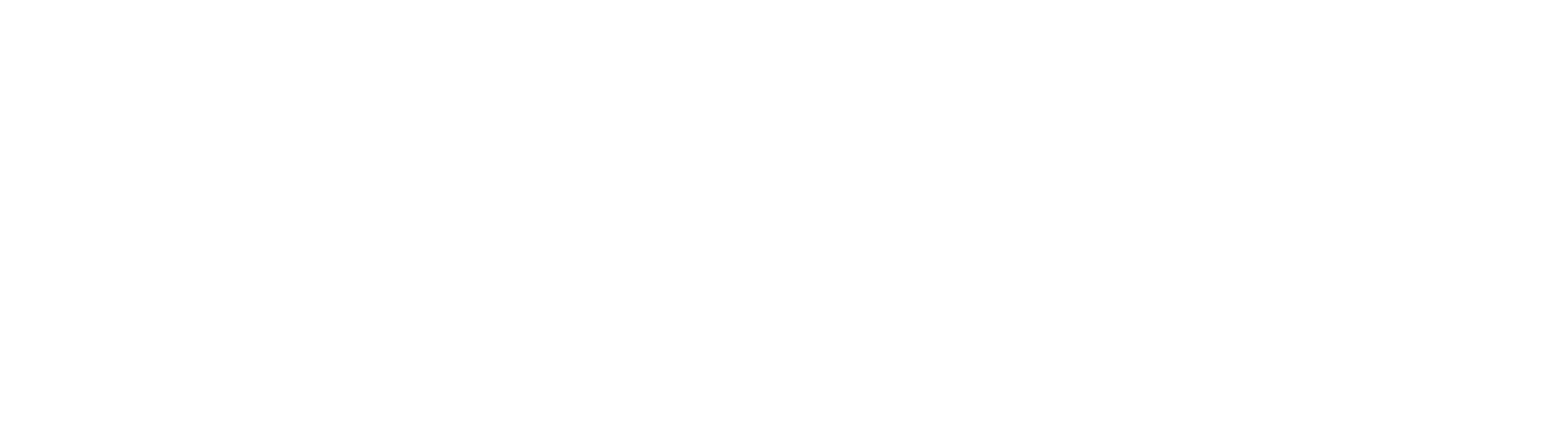
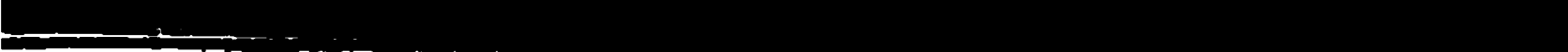
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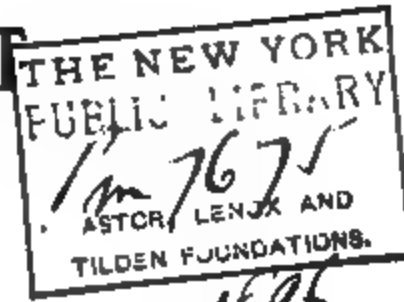


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REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW,
1884.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

The Committee beg to submit the usual Report and Tables of Statistics prepared by Mr. Barrett, as Librarian, showing the progress of the Library during the year 1884, and the extent to which the public have taken advantage of it. From these the Council will notice that, while the additions made to the Library by purchase and donation have not been so extensive as in some former years, the number of volumes added to the Library is still considerable; and as will be seen from the list of additions, the works added to the Library have been of a class calculated to increase its utility as a Reference Library.

On the other hand, it will be observed that the number of readers during the past year has been largely in excess of the numbers in any of the previous six years of the Library's existence; and it is very gratifying to find that so many avail themselves of the opportunity which the Library affords to those in pursuit of knowledge. That this pursuit of knowledge is the object of most readers is distinctly shown in the statistical table of the Librarian's Report; from which it appears that fiction, poetry, and miscellaneous literature together only amount to 45·14 per cent. of the books issued, and of these, many works in poetry and in the class miscellaneous, such as encyclopædias, reviews, etc., are taken for purposes of study.

The business of the Library is now conducted on well-established lines, and there is consequently not much of novelty to be noted. The Committee have in former Reports so often remarked on the insufficiency of the Library premises, and on the numerous risks to which the books are subjected from fire and other casualties, that it is almost needless to again refer to the subject. The want of accommodation was, however, so apparent during the year that, with a view to relieving the pressure to some extent, the Committee have arranged to lease a portion of the tenement in North Albion Street adjoining the Library, and when the necessary alterations are completed there will be accommodation for some additional readers.

During the year the residue of the estate of the late Bailie Moir has, for reasons stated in the last Report, been kept intact; and the full amount of that residue (£11,503 4s. 2d.), after providing for the annuity to Bailie Moir's sister, is available for the purchase of books to be placed along with the other volumes in the Moir Collection.

The Committee are pleased to find that, during the year, the Trades' Council of the City have been moving in the direction of getting the citizens to adopt the Free Libraries Acts, and that there has been formed a large and influential Committee of leading citizens for the purpose of imparting information to the public on the subject of Free Libraries, and of endeavouring to secure the early adoption of the Acts in Glasgow. There can be little doubt but that, until the Free Libraries Acts are so adopted, the difficulty of providing suitable premises for the Library will not easily be got over, and Glasgow must be content to remain far behind the other great towns of the United Kingdom in the provision which it makes for spreading knowledge and culture in the community. It should never be overlooked that the adoption of the Free Libraries Act means not only a proper and suitable building for this, our Free Reference Library, but also the establishment, in all the districts of the city, of Lending Libraries and Reading Rooms, where the citizens could spend a profitable leisure hour near their own homes, and from which they could get the best books to read at their own firesides.

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON,

Convener.

27th January, 1885.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

“TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

“GENTLEMEN,

“In presenting the following Report on the Library, for the year 1884, I have the satisfaction of stating that the progress and usefulness which marked its former years have been continued, and that the books and periodicals provided under your direction for public use have again been largely taken advantage of. It is true that the year was not distinguished by any very important or extensive single acquisition, such as the gift from the Senate of the University in 1877, the Chalmers bequest in 1880, the Moir bequest and the Gibson Burns library in 1881, or the Gardyne gift in 1883; and that in consequence the number of additions to the Library's stock was somewhat less than in

previous years. The additions of the year, however, amounted to the very considerable number of 3,973 volumes and pamphlets, and as will be seen from a list of principal titles on another page (24), included many works of permanent value and practical utility.

"The following table (which to facilitate reference and comparison is kept in the same form as in previous Reports) exhibits the progress made during the year in building up the Library:—

"At 31st December, 1883, the number of volumes in the Library, as stated in the last Report, was ... 51,582

"There were added during 1884:—

Books, ...	...	...	...	2,707	
Pamphlets, ...	...	...	...	1,266	
				—	3,973

"Which were added:—

By Purchase, ...	...	...	...	2,685	
By Gift, ...	...	...	...	1,288	
				—	3,973

"And which are classified as follows:—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History, ...	660	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, ...	481	
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce, ...	733	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History, ...	853	
Poetry and the Drama, ...	266	
Linguistics, ...	35	
Prose Fiction, ...	51	
Miscellaneous Literature (a), ...	894	
	—	3,973

"From this number must be deducted:—

Books worn out, ...	...	15	
Books stolen, ...	...	8	
Duplicates withdrawn, ...	...	34	
Lost, no clue, ...	...	2	
		—	59

3,914

"Showing a net addition of ... 3,914

"And in the Library at 31st December, 1884 (b), ... 55,496

"(a) The class described as 'Miscellaneous' consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopædias, collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

"(b) Not including duplicates, available for sale or exchange.

“The following are the Classifications of the Library at date :—

Books, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43,957	
Pamphlets, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,539	5
Purchased (c), ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,996	
Received by Gift or Bequest (d), ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,500	5
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,370	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,012	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,700	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,721	
Poetry and the Drama, including the “Poets’ Corner,”	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,333	
Linguistics, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	879	
Prose Fiction, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	475	
Miscellaneous Literature, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,006	5

“The number of separate works in the Library, as distinguished from volumes, is 34,811.

“The three special collections in the Library continue to approach more nearly to a complete representation of several subjects. Considerable additions have been made to each of them. The ‘Glasgow’ collection, consisting of books, pamphlets, and other publications relating to the City, numbers more than 2,400 separate articles, varying in size from the huge volumes of the newspapers to the eight- or twelve-page tract on some local question of passing interest. The ‘Poets’ Corner,’ a collection of works by and relating to Scottish poets and poetry, was increased to more than 4,900 volumes, of which 966 are in the section devoted to Robert Burns. The department of ‘early Glasgow printing’ has received additions bringing up the number of volumes contained to about 820.

“The insufficiency of the space available for storing books of the Library has been in former Reports reiterated with weariness. ‘Storing’ is spoken of—because systematic classification and convenient location have long been out of the question. When the present arrangement of book-cases was designed in 1877, the calculation was made that they would, with a reserve, serve for from 40,000 to 45,000 volumes. The Library now possesses 55,000. All that can be now said is to repeat—the work of the Library is rendered much more difficult, and the service of the public less efficient, than if we had adequate space at command; and that the value of the Library to the community is thereby diminished.

“(c) Including 56 vols. received in exchange for duplicates purchased.

“(d) Including 1,156 vols. received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

is restricted—to what extent cannot be precisely known, but without doubt very seriously.

“In previous Reports it was stated that any considerable increase in the number of books issued was not to be looked for while the Library remains in the present rooms. It had been noted that on frequent occasions persons wishing to read had been unable to find seats, and had gone away disappointed; and it was known that many had found the crowded condition of the rooms an insuperable hindrance to their receiving wished-for benefit from the Library. Notwithstanding, however, these and other unfavourable conditions, the issue of books was during 1884 larger than in any previous year. The number of books handed to readers was 435,142. This exceeds the number in 1883 by no fewer than 53,535; and that in 1881 (hitherto the largest year) by 31,429. As the Library has for years been fully occupied during the evening hours, it would appear that the increase now reported must be due to a larger attendance during the earlier portions of the day; and in all probability this larger attendance is again due to recent scarcity of employment in some trades. It will be observed that the increased reading has been general, and is not limited either to any special class of literature or to any particular period of the year. There is increase, though not in equal proportion, in every class in the Library, and in every month of the year.

“In connection with the large issue, it is to be mentioned that the question of the wearing-out of books will shortly become of greater importance than it has hitherto been. The practice has been to protect by restriction valuable and scarce editions, and to procure for ordinary use recent and inexpensive copies. Many of the popular works are in hand daily, some several times daily, and they show the usual results of constant use. During this year it will be needful to replace a considerable number.

“The Magazine Room has been maintained in the same manner as in former years. Of the reading in this department no actual count is kept; but it is estimated, from frequent observation, that the references to the current periodicals are nearly equal in number to the books issued. Taking both departments together, it thus appears that the number of separate ‘readings’ in the Library is more than three quarters of a million, which would show the daily number about 2,500 on an average. When regard is had to the difficulties under which readers and staff alike labour, this result must be considered at once remarkable and satisfactory. About two hundred and thirty periodicals are placed in reading covers on the tables, each number remaining until the issue of the following one. Of these, a few representing particular opinions or interests are presented. The great majority are purchased, and have been selected with a view to an adequate representation of

all matters of current interest, in politics, in literature, in art, in natural and applied science.

“In regard to other matters which deserve mention, it is to be said that the Reports for former years may stand for this; and will probably be sufficient merely to state that as a rule excellent order has been kept, and that readers have borne with great good temper the inconveniences resulting from the want of larger space. The attendance of ladies has again been very small, no doubt from want of sufficient accommodation. The classes and conditions of the readers were as before reported, viz., a majority of persons belonging to the artisan classes, a good number of students and clerks, warehousemen, etc., and a smaller number of literary and professional men.

“The statistical table (p. 13) shows that the reading during the year was of the same general character as previously reported. The classes—History (19·00 per cent. of the whole), Law (3·5), Prose Fiction (9·35) and Miscellaneous Literature (28·87) show a slight proportional increase; while Theology (9·50 per cent. of the whole), Arts and Science (20·31), Poetry (6·92), and Linguistics (2·50) are each in a slightly smaller proportion. However, the table as a whole, and the observation of visitors to the Library, show conclusively that a very large amount of the reading is really undertaken less for the sake of mere passing the time than for the acquisition of useful information and in the prosecution of some special subject of research, or some branch of education.

“I am, very respectfully,

“Your obedient servant,

“F. T. BARRETT

GLASGOW, 20th Jan., 1885.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1884.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 300 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	Month.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History.	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Art, Science, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama.	Linguistics.	Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Total.	Daily Average, 1884.	Daily Average, 1883.
26	January,	4,853	9,440	1,620	8,168	4,300	1,027	4,104	12,988	46,589	1,791	1,578
25	February,	3,716	8,491	1,486	8,042	2,850	954	3,712	12,550	41,901	1,676	1,488
26	March,	4,005	8,376	1,402	8,127	2,635	1,050	3,740	11,520	40,855	1,571	1,360
25	April,	3,316	5,941	1,126	7,086	2,570	785	3,077	9,051	32,952	1,318	1,207
26	May,	3,439	5,560	809	6,952	2,248	792	2,954	7,887	30,731	1,182	1,033
25	June,	2,393	4,560	821	5,650	1,735	709	2,505	6,984	25,868	1,015	959
26	July,	2,110	4,960	892	5,287	1,814	653	2,598	7,697	26,020	1,001	889
26	August,	2,550	5,784	1,060	6,845	1,906	616	2,988	9,001	31,050	1,194	1,073
26	September,	3,150	6,715	1,263	7,660	1,946	933	3,081	10,047	34,795	1,338	1,242
26	October,	3,785	7,599	1,533	8,165	2,719	951	3,847	11,897	40,496	1,553	1,309
25	November,	4,226	7,629	1,819	8,073	2,372	1,005	3,942	12,217	41,282	1,651	1,393
26	December,	3,788	7,634	1,526	8,323	2,887	1,122	4,080	13,768	43,128	1,659	1,459
308	Total in each Class, 1884,	41,340	82,695	15,446	88,378	80,091	10,897	40,688	125,607	435,142	1,418	1,247
306	Total in each Class, 1883,	40,107	69,937	13,133	83,233	28,607	10,811	33,215	102,544	381,607	1,247	...
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	9.50 1883-1884	19.00 18.33	3.55 3.44	20.31 21.87	6.92 7.50	2.50 2.63	9.35 8.71	28.87 26.87	100.00 100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class,	134 1883-1884	269 229	50 43	287 273	98 93	35 35	133 109	408 335	1,413 1,247	...	...
	Turnover (a),	5.18	7.69	2.47	9.53	3.66	12.66	88.26	13.27	8.17	...	...

a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such times and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of value or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARY, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPRINTED HERE FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN FORMER ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AS A RECORD OF THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

MR. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow, to "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library, which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November, 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND;" and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the Constitution prepared in accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* Library, with all the modern accessories. All books not in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted as part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added, and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the “Mitchell Library” a great public library—worthy of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of time, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited persons will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. However, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by an avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale than the British Museum is for the nation. The Committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, in the highest authorities on such matters in England has said, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limitation, or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt the object entrusted with the management must be to collect works of every literature in every department, taking care that no branch be neglected or represented. But in the subsequent additions the same high principle of universality must be observed; and care must especially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the Mitchell Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of rare and costly works to which the student may, under suitable arrangements, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to Glasgow than to Glasgow, what none of these special libraries already contain, and multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose, and the Committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every part of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and support of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste are in favour of giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the Committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on “Free Town Libraries and Museums,” prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

“3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be, in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be adapted to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. The institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent measure for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. This idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the mind of the first directed public attention to our national deficiency in libraries, than of the Committee of the House of Commons when they investigated the subject.”

Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum; and under the power thus conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, would absorb, say, £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say 1,100

£3,575

This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors, not members of the committee of management; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming, then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say, four district libraries besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The Committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view, should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined should, in the opinion of the Committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisites of a great library, including a consulting-room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for any future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, but that for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, they must do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867, Amendment Act," and to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts, copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrates and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days of the receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, signed by ten householders—i.e., parliamentary and municipal electors—to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of the requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 should be adopted. The meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the Act comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting, and sign the same.

If the meeting of householders determine against the adoption of the Act, no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted, may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in the Corporation, and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, not more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum, or the purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rate

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The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors, not members of the committee of management; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming, then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say, four district libraries besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science, one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library, available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The Committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view, should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises if he is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose, and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to the Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain a book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing in printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not return the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of a like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the person of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found

necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877.

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

OBJECTS—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.

(b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877 the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." The proposal was warmly adopted by the "Western Burns Club," in the hope that it might result in the acquisition of a collection of the editions of the Works of Burns to be permanently

placed in the City of Glasgow, freely accessible to all students and lovers of our National Bard.

It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers has not been reached, considerable amount of success has attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed now to be the most extensive in existence. It contained, 31st December, 1884, nearly 5,000 volumes, embracing the writings of about 2,000 Authors.

The principal event of the year 1881 was the acquisition of the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by Mr. Jan Gibson, of Liverpool, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns, published 1881. This collection, including the Burns books previously and subsequently acquired, contains (31st December, 1884) about 950 volumes, and comprises 337 separate editions of the works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

Among the acquisitions of the year 1883 were two of special importance and interest. By the generous kindness of Mr. Alexander Gardyne, London, the "Poets' Corner" received the most important contribution ever made to it—a contribution placing it in extent far before all other collections of Scottish Poetry. No fewer than 1,300 "books and booklets" were received from this gentleman, who thus gives evidence that, though he has been for the greater part of his life absent from his native country, he still in his old age retains his love for Scotland and Scottish literature. The other addition was the collection made by Mr. James Gould, of Edinburgh, principally of records of the numerous Centenary celebrations of the Birth of Burns, held in all parts of the world, but containing also much curious and interesting matter relating to the Poet and his writings. This collection contains autographs of all the descendants of Burns who were living in 1859; of the authors of the principal essays on Burns, as John Wilson, J. G. Lockhart, and Thomas Carlyle; of a very large number of eminent persons who took part in the Centenary celebrations, including the chairmen of nearly all the meetings held over the country; and of other persons connected in various ways with the Poet's memory. The bulk of the collection consists of reports of the Burns meetings, taken from newspapers of their several localities, and including not only the meetings in Scotland, but those also of England, Ireland, the Colonies, India, and the United States. For the securing this very interesting and appropriate memorial of the Centenary for our Burns Library I am much indebted to Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., for his effective assistance in the private subscription necessary for the purchase. Great praise is due to Mr. Gould for the watchfulness, patience, and ingenuity, almost amounting to genius, with which during many years he laboured to render the collection complete as possible.

One of the most interesting additions received during 1884 was another memorial of the Centenary, in the form of a collection of autograph letters of acceptance or apology from a considerable number of distinguished men who had been invited to take part; together with the original MS. minute of the first meeting, held to organise the celebration. Among the autographs are letters from the sons of Burns, Sir Archibald Alison, Duke of Argyll, Shirley Brooks, Lord Brougham, Thomas Carlyle, Earl of Eglinton, John Haliburton ("Sam Slick"), Lord Houghton, Leigh Hunt, Mark Lem

Editor of Punch, Samuel Lover, Lord Lytton, Lord Macanlay, Charles Mackay, Westland Marston, Lord Palmerston, Lord Panmure, Earl Russell, Earl Stanhope, Lord Tennyson, W. M. Thackeray. The donor of this volume was Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, Hon. Sec. of the National Festival. During 1884 was received also another valuable gift from Mr. Alexander Gardyne, mentioned above, consisting of a large mass of manuscript notes on Scottish poets and poetry, made by himself during the many years of his collecting in this department. They embrace identifications of anonymous books, biographical and critical notes on the writers in his collection, and other matters; and are arranged in seventeen quarto volumes. They will doubtless afford valuable assistance to many students and readers.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve in many cases local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement; may I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund and
Convener of the Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1885.

LIST OF SOME OF THE WORKS ADDED TO THE
LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1884. (*See also*
LIST OF DONATIONS, pp. 36-46, AND LIST OF PERIODICALS IN
PROGRESS, pp. 30-34.)

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BIOGRAPHICAL.—Earls of Cromartie, by Fraser, 2 vols; History of the Camerons, by Mackenzie; Lairds of Glenfield, by Semple; Rutherfurd of that Ilk. Thomas Carlyle, 1834-81, by Froude, 2 vols; Life of J. D. Forbes, by Shairp, etc; Life of Thomas Graham, by Smith; Life of W. B. Hodgson, by Meiklejohn; Memoir of Admiral Lord Keith, by Allardyce; William Leighton Leitch, by Macgeorge; Life of Saint Margaret, by Turgot, ed. by Forbes-Leith; Mary Queen of Scots, by Lindsay; Life of the Rev. John Skinner, by Walker; Life of Sir David Wedderburn, by Percival.

POETICAL.—Four Books of Choice old Scottish Ballads, ed. by Sharpe, etc., 1868. Scotch Nationality, 1824. Poetical Works, by R. Buchanan; Tam o' Shanter, by Burns, illus. by Cruikshank; Battle of Largs, by Galt, 1804; Ossian, Italian trans., per Cesarotti Bassano, 3 vols., 1795; Peter Cornclips, by Rodger; Burial of Isis, by the Earl of Southesk; Seven Sagas of Prehistoric Man, by Stoddart; Shelley, a poem, etc., by J. Thomson; Voice from the Nile, by Thomson.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Paganism in Caledonia, by Wise. Scottish Communion Office, by Dowden. Witchcraft in Scotland, by Sharpe. Medals of Scotland, by Cochran-Patrick. Vitruvius Scoticus, W. Adam. Tartans of the Clans, by Smith; Geography of the Clans of Scotland, by Johnston and Robertson. Sport in the Highlands, by Speedy; Scottish Highlanders, by Blackie; Crofters Commission, Reports, 5 vols. Scottish History and

Literature, by Ross. *Social Life in Scotland*, by Rogers, 2 vols. *Illustrations of the Author of Waverley*, by Chambers. *Black Kalendar of Scotland*, by Millar; *Burke and Hare*, by MacGregor. *Tales of the Scottish Peasantry*, by Bethune. *Musical Memoirs of Scotland*, by Dalyell; *Dance Music of Scotland*, by Robertson, 2 vols.; *Killin Collection of Gaelic Songs*, by Stewart; *Maver's Collection of Scottish Melodies*; *The Thistle*, by C. Brown.

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- J. P. Thompson; *Elementa Linguae Graecae*, J. Moor, Foulis, 1777; Executions in Scotland for the past 200 years; Sermons to Young Women, by J. Fordyce; Domestic Religion, by W. Innes; Rise and Fall of the Papacy, by R. Fleming; Treatise on Domestic Poultry, by [J. Lawrence]; Butterworth's Young Arithmetician's Instructor; Principles of the Human Mind, by A. Smee; Patrick Welwood, a Tale; with thirty-four other volumes and pamphlets.
- WILKIE, AGNES R., *of Edinburgh*. Was Jesus an Impostor? A Discussion between A. R. Wilkie and A. B. Moss.
- WILSON, Preceptor WILLIAM. Life and Work, Vol. 6; with two hundred pamphlets.
- WILSON AND McCORMICK, Messrs. The Clyde, by J. Deas.
- WINCHESTER, MAYOR OF. Catalogue of Charters and other Objects exhibited during the Celebration of the 700th Anniversary of the Mayoralty.
- WOODWARD, C. J., *of Birmingham, the author*. Questions in Chemistry and Natural Philosophy; Arithmetical Chemistry for Students.
- WOOD, J. MUIR. Popular Songs of Scotland, arranged by G. F. Graham, etc.; Dance Music of Scotland, by J. T. Surenne, 5th ed.; Poems, by Mrs. Grant of Laggan; Sketches from Nature and other Poems, by A. MacLagan; Poems, by R. Davidson.
- YARKER, JOHN, *the author*. Speculative Freemasonry, 2 copies.
- ANONYMOUSLY. Fifteen volumes and twenty-one pamphlets.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1884.

Amount of Capital Stock at 1st Dec., 1883,	-	-	-	£65,485	15	6
Interest received during 1884,	-	-	-	2,636	7	1
				£68,122	2	7

Payments from 1st Dec., 1883, to 30th Nov., 1884.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£501	8	6
Periodicals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	2	9
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	8	0
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	11	10
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,007	8	4
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	332	15	10
Coal and Gas,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158	2	3
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	10	8
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193	9	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	2	4
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	0	0
									£2,841	19	9
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1884,									65,280	2	10
									£68,122	2	7

Payments from Commencement to 30th Nov., 1884.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£9,553	2	9
Periodicals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,111	5	9
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	875	14	9
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	921	19	7
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,807	7	8
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,608	9	4
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	962	1	3
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477	11	2
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,346	1	0
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	798	11	6
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,983	13	4
									£28,445	18	1

Total Expenditure on Books, Periodicals, and Binding.

Year 1884, £805 19s. 3d.; from Commencement, £11,540 3s. 3d.

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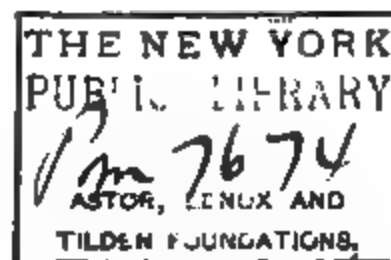
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GENTLEMEN WHO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS TO 1884.

JOINED.		LEFT.
1874	Ex-Lord Provost SIR JAMES WATSON,	1878
1874	Ex-Lord Provost SIR JAMES BAIN,	1877
1874	Ex-Lord Provost SIR WILLIAM COLLINS,	1883
1874	Ex-Lord Provost JOHN URE,	1883
1874	Bailie JAMES SALMON (Sub-Convener 1874-78),	1878
1874	Preceptor WILLIAM WILSON (Convener from 1878),	Remains
1874	Ex-Preceptor A. G. MACDONALD,	1879
1874	Ex-Preceptor THOMAS A. MATHIESON (Sub-Convener 1878-84),	1884
1874	Bailie JAMES ADAMS,	1880
1874	Bailie WILLIAM CLARK,	1879
1874	Bailie HUGH COLQUHOUN	1883
1874	Bailie JOHN NEIL,	1882
1874	Bailie EDWARD J. SCOTT,	1880
1874	Ex-Treasurer WILLIAM MILLER,	1877
1874	Dean of Guild JAMES KING,	1876
1874	Deacon-Convener WILLIAM SMITH,	1875
1874	Councillor WILLIAM B. GARVIE,	1879
1874	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON,	1884
1874	Councillor ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,	1875
1874	Councillor WILLIAM R. W. SMITH,	Remains
1875	Bailie JAMES MOIR,	1880
1875	Bailie JAMES MORRISON,	1876
1875	Deacon-Convener ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST,	1877
1876	Bailie WILLIAM BROWN,	1882
1877	Bailie JAMES L. SELKIRK,	1884
1877	Bailie JAMES TORRENS,	1881
1877	Deacon-Convener R. A. BOGUE,	1879
1878	Bailie ARCHIBALD DUNLOP	1882
1878	Bailie GEORGE JACKSON	1885
1878	Dean of Guild PATRICK PLAYFAIR,	1879
1879	Bailie PETER BERTRAM,	Remains
1879	Bailie DUNCAN M'PHERSON,	1881
1879	Bailie ALEXANDER M'LAREN,	1882
1879	Dean of Guild J. B. MURLEES,	1881
1879	Deacon-Convener ANDREW M'ONIE,	1881
1879	Councillor ANDREW S. BRYCE,	1881
1880	Councillor W. M. STUART,	1885
1881	Bailie JAMES GRAY	1885
1881	Dean of Guild ALEX. STEPHEN,	1885
1881	Deacon Convener THOMAS REID,	1885
1881	Councillor JAMES M. FORRESTER,	1885
1881	Councillor JOHN R. MILLER,	1885
1882	River Bailie HUGH S. THOMSON,	1885
1882	Councillor C. D. RANKIN,	1885
1883	Lord Provost WM. M'ONIE,	Remains
1883	Bailie JAMES MCFARLANE,	1885
1883	Bailie JOHN SHEARER, JUN.,	1885
1883	Deacon-Convener HUGH KENNEDY,	1885
1883	Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN,	Remains
1883	Councillor JAMES H. MARTIN,	1885
1883	Councillor MICHAEL SIMONS,	1885

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1884-85.

Hon. Wm. M'ONIE, Lord Provost.
Bailie BERTRAM.
Bailie JACKSON.
Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN.
Councillor THOMAS CUMMING.

Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM.
Councillor DAVID LOGAN.
Councillor WALTER PATON.
Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
Councillor WILLIAM WILSON.

Councillor WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener.*

Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN, *Sub-Convener.*

1885-86.

Hon. Wm. M'ONIE, Lord Provost.
Dean of Guild W. G. BLACKIE, Ph.D.
Bailie PETER BERTRAM.
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Councillor THOMAS CUMMING.

Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM.
Councillor DAVID LOGAN.
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Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
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Councillor WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener.*

Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN, *Sub-Convener.*

Sub-Committee on Purchase of Books.

The LORD PROVOST.
The DEAN OF GUILD.
Bailie BERTRAM.

Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN.
Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM.
Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.

Councillor WILLIAM WILSON.

Councillor WILLIAM WILSON, *Convener.*

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: JAMES D. BROWN, ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: EDWARD A. H. KAY, HUGH M'GUIRE, JOHN HALL,
WILLIAM C. ANDERSON, DAVID GEDDIE,
HENRY Y. SIMPSON, C. R. BAPTIE.

Janitor: JOHN WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

1885.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

In submitting the Annual Report, the Committee are gratified at being able to speak of the continued progress and usefulness of the Library. The usual Report and Statistics prepared by the Librarian are appended, from which it will be seen that there has been a great increase in the attendance of readers, taxing to its utmost capacity the present accommodation, and making it plain that some radical change will soon be necessary if evil results are to be avoided. The additions to the Library both by purchase and donations during the past year have been exceedingly valuable, and attention may be called to the acquirement of files of newspapers from the Directors of the Royal Exchange, the addition of which to the Library has very largely augmented its value for purposes of reference in a commercial centre like Glasgow. The price paid to the Exchange Directors was merely nominal, and the heartiest thanks of the Committee are due to the Directors and the Secretary (Mr. Beatson) for the handsome manner in which they carried through the transaction. The donations to the Library are acknowledged monthly in the Committee's Minutes as reported to the Council, but it may not be out of place here to render a general acknowledgment to the donors, whose names and gifts to the Library will be found appended to the Librarian's Report. The Committee desire to return their special acknowledgments to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, whose valuable contribution to the Library can hardly be over-estimated. The Calendars of State Papers, the Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland during the Middle Ages, and the publications of the Record Commissioners, number in all 288 volumes—a series of works constituting probably the most valuable contribution to the historical department of the Library ever received, and placing at the disposal of the student of history a vast mass of original material bearing on the origin and development of the great movements in our national progress. The donation from Mr. A. S. Cousland, which may be also specially mentioned,

consisted of the Library of the late Rev. Joseph Stark, minister of Kilfinan—a library which contained in all about 100 volumes, embracing theological and doctrinal works, a number of books relating to the Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Sanskrit and other languages, and publications of the Calvin and Row Societies. Many of the volumes are duplicates of already on the shelves, but in regard to these Mr. Cousland expressed his wish that the Committee should dispose of them by sale or exchange, as they may think fit, for the benefit of the Library. The Committee cannot refrain from expressing their thanks to Mr. W. R. Smith, Botanic Garden, Washington, who on former occasions has made large donations to the Library and who during the past year has increased the obligation on the Library to him by a further donation of a large collection of official publications of the United States Governmental Departments, including the Census Bureau, the Geological, Ethnological and other scientific departments, Congressional Record, and Exploring Expeditions and Surveys—numbering in all about 100 volumes and pamphlets, many of which are finely illustrated. This is also due to Messrs. J. & A. Allan, shipowners, to whom they were good enough to bring the above and former donations to this country free of charge.

As mentioned in last Report, the Committee have taken two houses adjoining the Library, one of the rooms of which has been furnished as a reading-room for ladies, and the others as a room for books; but the increased accommodation so obtained has been much more than counterbalanced by the increasing attendance, so that the Library is more crowded at the present time than it has ever been.

During the year steps were taken to test the opinion of the citizens as to the adoption of the Free Libraries Acts, with the result that 22,755 voted for, and 29,946 against, the adoption, showing a majority of 7,191 opposed to the Acts being in operation—a resolution on the part of the citizens which has the effect of preventing any other vote being taken for a period of two years. It is a matter of great regret to the Committee that the citizens did not see their way to adopt the Acts when the depressed state of trade is taken into account, and the result is not surprising. It is to be hoped that under favourable circumstances the citizens may, on the next occasion of being called on to vote on the subject, come to a different conclusion.

On 22nd October last the Town Council remitted to the Committee 'to consider and report as to the erection of a suitable building for the proper housing of the Mitchell Library,' and a resolution was fully considered by the Sub-Committee. The Committee prepared a report, in which they stated that

great need for larger and more suitable accommodation existed, the financial position of the Library was such as to render it impossible to provide it out of its own funds. The amount of the Mitchell Library Fund is now £65,000, giving a revenue of, say, £2,750, or, after deduction of tax and payment of annuities under the Founder's will, say £2,600 available for the current expenditure, and for the increase of the Library. This sum, even if freed from any charge on account of rent or building, is not sufficient to provide in a thoroughly adequate way for the proper carrying on of the work of the Library, or for fully meeting the requirements of the public. The present annual expenditure, under the several heads, is approximately as follows:—

Books,	£500
Periodicals,	155
Binding,	120
Printing and Stationery,	100
Salaries and Wages,	1,000
Coal and Gas,	140
Rent,	360
Insurance,	65
Fittings, etc.,	80
Incidentals,	65
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	£2,585
Annuities,	110
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Total,	<u>£2,695</u>

In Liverpool the annual expenditure on the Reference Library (which occupies there the same position as the Mitchell does in Glasgow) is about £5,000; in Manchester, over £4,000; in each case free of charge for building or rent. Both these Libraries devote much larger sums every year to the purchase of books than the Mitchell can. It is evident from these figures that if the cost of land and building be taken from the Library fund, the whole establishment must be put on a different and much lower level, while at the same time the fact of a new building being provided will tend to largely increase the number of readers, and so cause greater demands on the staff, and for new books and periodicals. The charges for lighting and heating would also be greater. In fact, a new and larger building would imply larger annual expenditure of every kind, except in the comparatively unimportant item of fire insurance premium. In view of all these circumstances, the Sub-Committee recommended the Town Council to appropriate land and erect a building to be charged in the meantime against the general funds of the City, stating that

in the event of larger funds becoming available for Library purposes in Glasgow, either by the adoption of the Libraries' Acts, or by donation or bequest, this land and building could then be paid for out of such increased funds. With a view to show that this proposed charge on the City funds might be restricted to a very moderate amount, the Sub-Committee offered the following suggestion:—To purchase or feu from the Improvement Trustees the piece of ground on the south side of Ingram Street, now occupied by Newsome's Circus. This amounts to about 1,730 yards, and is scheduled at £5 per yard, a total of £8,650. On this ground erect a commodious and safe, but plain and inexpensive building, the cost of which, with the necessary fittings, would not exceed £12,000. Land and building together would thus be acquired for £20,650. If in course of time it should be deemed advisable to remove the Mitchell Library to some position westward of the site now proposed, say to the present Municipal Buildings after they have been vacated, or other place, the Sub-Committee pointed out that the building recommended would serve admirably for a large Free Public News-room and Lending Library, for which it could not be doubted funds would in the future be provided; and the Report concluded by stating that, should the Town Council adopt the suggestion, the Sub-Committee felt assured that their action would be highly approved by the great majority of the ratepayers and inhabitants generally; that it would relieve the city from the reproach of keeping a large and valuable collection of books in a position of considerable risk; and the Committee believed that such a mark of appreciation of Mr. Mitchell's enlightened and munificent bequest would tend to induce other citizens to make valuable benefactions to the community. Further, it would enable the Libraries Committee to give the public the advantage of the late Bailie Moir's bequest for the purchase of books, of which, owing to want of space, very slight use has as yet been made.

This Report was submitted to the Libraries Committee, by whom it was generally approved, and it was thereafter laid before the Town Council, but after a short discussion the Convener withdrew the proposal, being satisfied that the Council were not in the meantime prepared to face the erection of a suitable Library Building.

IN NAME OF THE COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM WILSON,
Convener.

23rd February, 1886.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to submit the following Report on the progress of the Library during 1885, the eighth year of its history as a public institution in actual operation.

The general characteristics of the year's work were similar to those of former years. There was again the acquisition—partly by purchase, but also largely by donations—of a very considerable number of volumes in general, and particularly in Scottish, literature; and there was also a very large and constant attendance of readers, belonging to all classes of the community, and with every variety of object and requirement, from the casual general reader to the laborious student of some perhaps obscure department of science or of history.

The number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1884, as given in the last Report, was 55,496

There were added during 1885 :—

Books,	5,240	
Pamphlets,	1,704	
	—	6,944

These were acquired :—

By Purchase,	4,492	
By Gift,	2,452	
	—	6,944

And have been classified as follows :—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History,	1,074
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	981
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce,	1,340
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	1,466
Poetry and the Drama,	361
Linguistics,	105
Prose Fiction,	106
Miscellaneous Literature (a),	1,511

<i>Carry forward,</i> ...	6,944	6,944	55,496
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(a) The class described as "Miscellaneous" consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopædias, collected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	...	6,944	6,944	55,496	±
From this number must be deducted :—					
Books worn out,	...	...	36		
Books stolen,	...	...	19		
Duplicate withdrawn,	..	...	1		
Lost, no clue,	...	...	2		
			—	58	
				6,886	
Showing a net addition of	...	...	...	—	6,886
And in the Library at 31st December, 1885 (a),					62,382

The following are the classifications of the Library at that date :—

Books,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49,141	
Pamphlets,	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,241	
							—	62,382
Purchased (b),	...	...	...	...	...	...	41,449	
Received by Gift or Bequest (c),	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,933	
							—	62,382 ±
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History,	...	...					9,442	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	...	...					11,987	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce,	...	...					8,039	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	...	...					11,173	
Poetry and the Drama, including the "Poets' Corner,"							8,692	
Linguistics,	...	...	...	...	...	...	983	
Prose Fiction,	...	...	...	...	...	...	560	
Miscellaneous Literature,	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,506	
							—	62,382 =

The number of separate works in the Library, as distinguished from volumes, is 38,043.

A list of some of the works added during the year will be found at pp. 27-33.

The additions to the three special collections in the Library are as follows:—

The "Poets' Corner," a library of the works of Scottish poets and verse writers, with biographies, and critical and other works relating to them, added, 1885, 134 volumes, making a total of about 5050. The number of Scottish poets contained in this collection is about 2000. The section of the Poets' Corner devoted to Robert Burns contains 980 volumes, and includes 339 separate editions of his works.

(a) Not including duplicates, available for sale or exchange.

(b) Including 62 vols. received in exchange for duplicates purchased.

(c) Including 1688 vols. received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

The Glasgow collection, consisting, in the words of the resolution directing its formation, of "books, pamphlets, periodical publications, maps, plans, pictorial illustrations, and generally all papers which in any way illustrate the history of the city," added, 1885, 414 volumes, making a total of over 2,800 volumes.

Early Glasgow Printing—books printed within the City before the present century—added, 1885, 144 volumes, increasing the collection to 964 volumes, of which about 400 are productions of the Foulis press.

The addition to the Library premises of the two small houses adjoining (eight apartments in all) has much facilitated the locating of the added books, by providing a place in which to keep a portion of the less-used works, while still available when required, and to that extent freeing the shelves for the reception of additions. But as the larger part of one of these houses is occupied by the extensive files of local and other newspapers acquired from the Royal Exchange, this relief will before very long be exhausted, and the pressure on the space available for books will again arise.

The pressure on the space available for the accommodation of readers has been even greater than in former years, although that appeared to be scarcely possible, and on many occasions numbers of readers were unable to find seats, and had to stand in the windows and passages. It is well-known that many persons who were desirous of taking advantage of the Library have been unable to do so in consequence of the overcrowded condition of the rooms.

The number of volumes issued to readers during the year, excluding, as usual, the use of the current periodicals referred to below, was 468,056. This is 32,914, or 7·56 per cent., more than in 1884, which again was considerably larger than in any previous year. The year included the largest daily, weekly, and monthly issue yet recorded, viz.:—Largest day, 10th January, 2,395 volumes; largest week, 5th to 10th January, 13,437 volumes; largest month, January, 50,301 volumes. The daily average throughout the year was 1,525 volumes, a number exceeded, it is believed, by only one provincial reference library in the kingdom. The number of volumes issued from the commencement, 5th November, 1877, is 3,038,507.

A reference to the detailed Statistical Table (p. 16) will show that a slight change has occurred in the character of the reading. With the exception of Poetry, which has fallen from 30,091 to 27,095, there was a larger number of volumes issued in each class, but this increase was in very different proportions. Thus the increase in History was 3,615; in Theology, 1,396; in Arts and Sciences, 5,774; while in Miscellaneous Literature (*see foot-note, p. 11*) it was as much as 21,517. As a consequence, the percentage

of the whole issue in the last-named class has increased from 28·8 to 31·43; the only other class showing an increased percentage being Law and Sociology. The cause of this change is not at present apparent; but it is under observation, and, should it continue, it may be possible in the next Report to offer a suggestion as to its reason.

The relation between the numbers of books issued and of persons visiting the Library is shown by a careful count and analysis on several days in different parts of the year to be as follows:—For each 1,000 volumes issued over the counter, 952 persons enter the Library, of whom 381 confine their reading to the current periodicals, while 571 apply for and receive books, each filling up on an average 1·20 slips, and receiving 1·75 volumes. The number of personal visits to the Library during the year was 445,000, daily average of 1,450. As there are some pretty constant and many frequent visitors, it is hardly possible to estimate the number of separate individuals who have used the Library, but it may be taken that many thousands have enjoyed the advantages it offers either for recreation or for assistance in study and research.

During the year new estimates were taken for bookbinding consequent on a resolution to try the newly-introduced specially prepared pigskin. The seven offers submitted by as many book binding firms were all evidently drawn up with great care, the difference between the highest and lowest being small. After careful examination that of Messrs. Gowans & Gray was accepted. A considerable number of volumes have now been bound in pigskin, which promises very satisfactory results as to strength and durability.

The Magazine Department continues to be very much used and appreciated by a large number of the readers. As stated in former Reports, the current numbers of periodical publications are enclosed in reading-covers, and placed openly on the tables in the upper room. All readers are at liberty to look into as many of them as they choose without the necessity of applying to the staff. Each table has a list of those periodicals which should be found on it, and on the cover of each periodical is put in large figures the number of the table it belongs to. Much inconvenience has been caused by readers removing periodicals and neglecting to replace them. The assistants from time to time throughout the day restore the proper arrangement, but until readers generally will consult their own and others' convenience by leaving each periodical in its own place, complaint will occasionally be heard. Other plans for providing for the reading of the current periodicals have been considered, but none yet devised seems to have, on the whole, any advantage over the present method.

The number of periodicals now taken, of all kinds—literary, artistic, political, technical, scientific, and other—is 268, including

the following added during 1885, those marked * being presented :—

- *Cabinetmaker.
- *Foresters' Miscellany.
- *Friendly Societies' Journal.
- Gas and Water.
- Glasgow Agricultural Review.
- „ *British Friend.
- „ *Light and Life.
- „ *Northern Miller and Baker.
- „ *Northern Provision Trade Journal.
- „ *Reformer.
- „ Scottish Law Review.
- Horticulture, Journal of.
- *India-rubber and Gutta-percha Trades Journal.
- *Insurance.
- *Liberator.
- Livre.
- *Mining Institute of Scotland, Transactions.
- *Provincial Medical Journal.
- Queen.
- Royal Microscopical Society, Journal of.
- Scottish Church.
- Scottish Fancier.
- Scottish Geographical Magazine.
- Shipping World.
- Sportsman's Guide, Scotland.
- Time.

The number of references or readings in this department is believed to be nearly equal in number to the books issued over the counter.

Reviewing generally the progress made during the eight years since the Library was opened, the hope may be permitted that by the completion of its first decade a fair commencement will have been made, on broad and comprehensive lines, towards the formation of a public library such as the Founder contemplated, and which will one day realize “the desire and aim of the Magistrates and Council to make it.....for Glasgow what the British Museum is for the nation.”

I am, GENTLEMEN, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

F. T. BARRETT.

GLASGOW, 6th February, 1886.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1885.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of 268 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	Month.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History.	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Art, Science, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama.	Language.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Total.	Daily Average 1885.	Daily Average 1884.
23	January,	4,452	9,365	1,692	8,958	3,304	1,324	4,768	16,440	50,801	1,935	1,791
24	February,	3,732	8,325	1,700	8,188	2,568	1,056	3,886	13,869	43,394	1,808	1,676
26	March,	4,120	8,050	1,440	8,558	2,849	1,008	3,883	12,944	42,852	1,648	1,571
25	April,	3,484	6,908	1,140	7,962	2,002	820	3,378	10,947	36,641	1,466	1,318
25	May,	3,024	5,748	1,297	6,810	1,736	829	3,142	10,125	32,711	1,303	1,182
26	June,	3,074	5,173	994	6,136	1,747	742	2,613	9,072	29,551	1,197	1,015
26	July,	2,532	5,027	899	5,959	1,563	710	2,330	8,709	27,729	1,066	1,001
26	August,	3,076	6,414	1,407	6,953	1,740	767	3,239	10,876	34,472	1,326	1,194
26	September,	3,488	7,392	1,738	8,526	2,295	916	3,616	13,449	41,420	1,593	1,336
26	October,	3,828	7,718	1,836	8,887	2,351	910	3,829	13,266	42,625	1,639	1,556
25	November,	3,899	7,592	1,914	8,624	2,348	867	3,494	13,227	41,965	1,679	1,661
26	December,	4,027	8,528	1,808	8,591	2,592	981	3,658	14,200	44,395	1,709	1,658
307	Total in each Class, 1885,	42,736	86,810	17,005	94,152	27,095	10,980	41,844	147,124	468,056	1,525	1,413
308	Total in each Class, 1884,	41,340	82,695	15,446	88,378	30,091	10,697	40,688	125,607	435,142	...	1,413
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	9'13 1884-9'50	18'44 19'00	3'82 3'55	20'12 20'31	5'79 6'92	2'33 2'50	8'94 9'35	31'43 28'87	100'00 100'00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue {	159	281	68	307	88	36	157	479	1,685	...	...

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

**APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.**

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

THE FOLLOWING GENERAL REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARACTER OF THE LIBRARY, DRAWN UP IN 1876 BY DR. MARWICK, THE TOWN-CLERK, IS REPRINTED HERE FOR THE INFORMATION OF PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE SEEN FORMER ANNUAL REPORTS, AND AS A RECORD OF THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY.

MR. MITCHELL bequeathed the residue of his estate to the City of Glasgow to "form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of large Public Library in Glasgow, with all the modern accessories connected therewith," and he provided that the residue "should be allowed to accumulate until, by its own natural increase, or by contributions from others, the fund should amount to £70,000, or even a larger sum, should that be considered necessary by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being, before the formation of the library is begun."

Mr. Mitchell directed that "books on all subjects not immoral" should be "freely admitted to the library," and he explained that the word "immoral," as so used by him, should "not mean books which simply controvert present opinions on political or religious questions."

He further directed "that, in order that the library may be conducted on the principle above indicated, which will carry out his wishes," the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors for the time being should "prepare a Constitution for it, and submit the same" to his Trustees "for their approval or amendment:" and he appointed the Constitution to include the conditions and purposes above referred to, which he declared to be "essential and necessary parts of it."

Mr. Mitchell died on 21st April, 1874, and on 6th May thereafter the agents of his Trustees intimated the bequest, and its probable amount, to the Town Council, by whom it was accepted on 16th July, 1874. On the 30th October, 1874, the Council approved of a Constitution for the Library which was also approved of by Mr. Mitchell's Trustees on 20th November 1874.

By this Constitution, which was framed after consultation with the testator's professional adviser, who prepared the settlement, and was intimately acquainted with his wishes, it is declared (1) That the residue of the estate, with the interest and profits which may accrue upon it, shall hereafter be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY FUND;" and that the fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, to be known and designated as "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," with all the modern accessories connected therewith; (6) That the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors may from time to time add to, or incorporate with, the library such other libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to its utility and value; and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to or incorporated with the Mitchell Library by such distinctive names as they think proper, provided that, in the exercise of this power, they do not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest; and (7) That the library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours and subject to such conditions as the Town Council may from time to time prescribe.

The Council may also authorise any of the books in the library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

The testator's settlement, and the Constitution prepared in strict accordance with it, and with the views and feelings of Mr. Mitchell himself, as expressed to his agent, Mr. Boyd, thus define, to a considerable extent, what must be the character of the library. It must be *one* large Public Library, with all the modern accessories. All books not immoral, in the broad sense explained by the testator, must be freely admitted to and form part of it; other libraries and collections of books, and such collections of objects of vertu, or science and art, as in the opinion of the Town Council will increase the utility and value of the library, may also be added to it and form part of it. It must be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation—that is to say, its primary purpose must be that of reference and consultation; but the Town Council may authorise any of the books to be lent out under such conditions as they may prescribe.

To make the "Mitchell Library" a great public library—primarily of reference—worthy of Glasgow, must necessarily be the work of many years, during which it is to be hoped the liberality of public-spirited citizens will largely supplement the existing bequest, munificent as it is. Such aid, however, it appears to the Committee, will be best secured by the distinct avowal on the part of the Magistrates and Council of their desire and aim to make it for Glasgow, though on a necessarily more limited scale, what the British Museum is for the nation. The Committee see no reason why, under proper management, the Mitchell Library may not become, as one of the highest authorities on such matters in England has said it *should* become, second only, as a public library, to that of the British Museum. But if it is to become this, every idea must be banished of limiting its scope or making it the library of any class. At first, no doubt the object of those entrusted with the management must be to collect works of standard literature in every department, taking care that no branch is unduly represented. But in the subsequent additions the same harmony and universality must be observed; and care must especially be taken that no opportunities are lost of enriching the library, from time to time, with the rarer and more costly works which are only to be found in great libraries. It will be for consideration whether, in view of the fact that the University Library, and other special libraries within the city, are in possession of many rare and costly works to which the student may, under suitable regulations, have access, the earlier purchases of that class of works for the Mitchell Library should not, in the first instance, be directed rather to providing for Glasgow what none of these special libraries already contain, than to multiplying copies of the same work. This, however, is a matter of detail, the very mention of which may serve every necessary purpose at present; and the Committee cannot doubt that in this, and indeed in every department of their work, they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Senatus, and of every citizen whose knowledge and taste qualify him for giving advice in such a matter.

Meanwhile the Committee desire to express their concurrence in the following passages of the Report on "Free Town Libraries and Museums," prepared by Lord Provost Blackie, and adopted by the Magistrates and Council on 18th February, 1864:—

"3. A free public library implies two indispensable things. It must be in the fullest sense, the property of the public, and it must be suited to the tastes and necessities of every rank and condition of the public. By many the institution of public libraries is regarded merely as a benevolent project for providing instructive reading to the poor and the working-classes. No idea, it may be confidently affirmed, was further from the minds of those who first directed public attention to our national deficiency in this matter; or of the Committee of the House of Commons when they investigated into

the nature and extent of the want, and recommended the readiest efficient remedy; or of the Legislature when it adopted and embodied the Committee's proposal of a small rate to be levied for the creation and maintenance of town libraries. Established on any other principle than that of meeting a great social want by a great public effort, in a spirit of the most catholicity and comprehensiveness, the whole system would be in principle and erroneous in policy; and not even the advantage of being levied under legislative enactment would prevent it from hastening to inutility and decay. The working-classes, who, by reason of their numbers, would be the chief contributors to the foundation and maintenance of a town library, would also share the most largely in its benefits; the library would be the property of no class in particular, and the books would be chosen with a view to the requirements of a diversified population: the professional man, the scholar, the merchant, the manufacturer, the artisan, the chemist, the student of nature or of art, would each, in his place and proportion, and according to his tastes and pursuits, stand in need and of right in the literary treasures accumulated at the common fund.

"4. A public library, in order to its being adapted to a great use, should be eminently distinguished by the character of *generality*; it should have true and permanent value, apart from its fully meeting the demands of ordinary readers, will consist in its being in possession of all that is useful and interesting in every branch of knowledge. Not only should it embrace the best books in every department of human inquiry, but of value to men of every profession; but the ornamental ought to be included with the useful, and—as in the case of the free public libraries of Manchester and Liverpool, and of many libraries in the United States—those works should be acquired which, owing to the cost of their production, the splendour of their illustrations, their sumptuous typography, their antiquity or rarity, are only to be found at present in possession of a few academic and other libraries, and are virtually excluded from the inspection of the common reader.

A library thus formed, it is true, will not serve the purposes of the district libraries, the books in which may be lent out to the inhabitants in suitable reading-rooms attached to the libraries. The value of the district libraries and reading-rooms can scarcely be over-estimated in a city like that of Glasgow. But, though district libraries may be provided by other means, which will be afterwards noticed, they cannot be provided under the Mitchell Bequest, the object and purpose of which are to provide a library for the poor. Let it not be said, however, that the Mitchell Library so constituted would be a library for the rich. To say so is to ignore the fact that many of the men who have most distinguished themselves and benefited the world by their researches and discoveries, and by their contributions to literature, have sprung from the humblest ranks. To such men, and to men of like spirit and sympathies, the command of such appliances of knowledge as the Mitchell Library will offer to every person in Glasgow is a boon which cannot be regarded as in any sense limited to a class.

It will be observed that Mr. Mitchell's Bequest is appointed to accumulate till it amounts to £70,000 at least before the foundation of the library is begun. The net sum received from his Trustees was £66,998 10s. 6d.; and the interest which has since accrued makes it now available about £70,360. This sum comprehends the value of the books purchased, including the library of the late Professor Cosmo Gordon Lang, and purchases made at the sale of the valuable library of the late Sir James Stevenson. In making these purchases, under the authority of the Trustees and Council, the Committee mainly desired to secure many of the books which are not often to be met with. But it must not be assumed that the collection already made indicates in any way the composition of the library, which, as has already been said, should be of the widest and most universal character.

Such a library, as it is to be hoped the Mitchell Library is destined to be, should, in the opinion of the Committee, be placed in a building constructed for the purpose on the most approved principles, and with all the requisites of a great library, including a consulting-room suitably furnished with reading desks, and with every facility for research. In preparing the plan of such a building, every advantage should be taken of the experience suggested by the British Museum and other important libraries in the country. Adequate provision should also be made at the first for indefinite future extension. The situation of such a building should be central, and the building itself worthy of Glasgow.

It being quite clear that the Mitchell Library Fund cannot be applied to the establishment of District Lending Libraries and Reading-Rooms, it will be for the citizens of Glasgow, should they desire to establish these, to do so by adopting "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867," as amended by "The Public Libraries' Act (Scotland), 1867, Amendment Act, 1871," to the provisions of which it may not be out of place to refer here.

By these Acts, copies of which, annotated for the use of the Magistrates and Council, accompany this Report—the Lord Provost, or, in his absence, the Senior Magistrate for the time being, is required within ten days after receipt of a requisition in writing by the Magistrates and Council, or by ten householders—i.e., parliamentary and municipal electors—to convene a meeting of householders, in any convenient place, on a day not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the receipt of such requisition, for the purpose of considering whether the Act of 1867 shall be adopted. The meeting so convened must be presided over by the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate; and if a majority of the householders present determine that the provisions of the Act shall be adopted, then the same comes into immediate operation in the burgh, and the chairman of the meeting must cause a minute to be made of the resolutions of the meeting, and sign the same.

If the meeting of householders determine against the adoption of the Act, no meeting for a similar purpose can be held for two years at least thereafter. The expenses of calling and holding the meeting, whether the Act is adopted or not, and the expenses of carrying the Act into execution when adopted, may be paid out of the police rate, or by a separate rate not exceeding one penny in the pound of yearly rent levied for the purpose, in conformity with the provisions of the local Police Act in force for the time.

When the Act is adopted, the Magistrates and Council may, from time to time, appropriate for its purposes any lands or buildings vested in them; and may also purchase, feu, or rent any land, or any suitable building, and may upon such land erect any buildings suitable for public libraries, art galleries, or museums, or each respectively, and may alter and extend any buildings for such purposes, and may repair and improve, and fit up, furnish, and supply the same respectively with all the requisite furniture, fittings, and conveniences.

The general management of the libraries, art galleries, and museums, provided under the Act, is appointed to be vested in a committee, of not more than twenty members, annually elected by the Magistrates and Council, one half from among themselves, and the remaining half from amongst the householders, *not* members of the Council. The committee must meet once in every three months, or oftener if necessary; and the Lord Provost or Senior Magistrate is *ex officio* chairman of the committee.

The Magistrates and Council are further empowered by the Amendment Act of 1871 to borrow at interest on mortgage or bond, on the security of the rates to be levied for the purposes of the Acts of 1867 and 1871, a sum "not exceeding the capital sum represented by one-fourth part of the library rate of one penny per pound, capitalized at the rate of twenty years' purchase of such sum." One penny per pound on the present rental of

Glasgow would yield about £11,000 per annum; and under the power then conferred, a capital sum of £55,000 might at once be borrowed with which to commence operations.

Besides meeting the interest of the sum so borrowed, and the cost of borrowing, which, at say 4½ per cent. per annum, would absorb—
say, £2,475

The Magistrates and Council would, under the provisions of the Act of 1871, have to set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of debt, not less than one-fiftieth part of the money borrowed, say 1,100
£3,575

This amount of annual expenditure being deducted from the net proceeds of the Library Rate, would leave about £7,425 available every year for the support of the libraries, art galleries, and museums under their control.

The Public Libraries' account connected with the execution of these Acts must be open to inspection by the ratepayers; must be annually audited by one or more competent auditors, not members of the committee of management; must, when audited, be signed by two of the Magistrates and Council; and must be printed and inserted in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the burgh.

Assuming, then, that the householders of Glasgow adopt these Acts, and resolve to establish, say, four district libraries besides supporting and extending the Museum in Kelvin Park, the funds obtainable under these Acts will be available for these purposes. To each library would probably have to be attached a commodious reading-room, suitably furnished with other conveniences. Each library would have to be provided with two separate good selections of books in all departments of literature and science—one for the purpose of being lent out under suitable conditions, and the other for use in the reading-room. These district libraries would meet the requirements of the great masses of ordinary readers and students, and the Mitchell Library would always be accessible to those who might wish to consult such works as the district libraries did not contain. The Mitchell Library would thus fulfil the important function of a high-class library available specially for students in every department of knowledge.

The Committee do not consider it desirable to enter more into detail. They venture to hope they have said enough to indicate what, in their view should be the general character of the Mitchell Library, and the principles on which it should be conducted, and so to exhaust the remit to them on this subject.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found

necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October, 1877.*

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

GLASGOW, *2nd June, 1881.*

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

OBJECTS—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.

(b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877 the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." The proposal was warmly adopted by the "Western Burns Club," in the hope that it might result in the acquisition of a collection of the editions of the Works of Burns to be permanently

placed in the City of Glasgow, freely accessible to all students and lovers of our National Bard.

It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers has not been reached, a considerable amount of success has attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed now to be the most extensive in existence. It contained, at 1st December, 1885, about 5,050 volumes, embracing the writings of about 1,000 authors.

In the year 1881 was acquired the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by Mr. James Gibson, formerly of Liverpool, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns, published in 1881. This collection, including the Burns books previously and subsequently acquired, contains (31st December, 1885) about 980 volumes, and comprises 339 separate editions of the works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

Among the acquisitions of the year 1883 were two of special importance and interest. By the generous kindness of the late Mr. Alexander Hardyne, of London, the "Poets' Corner" received the most important contribution ever made to it. No fewer than 1,300 "books and booklets" were received from this gentleman, who thus gave evidence that, though he had been for the greater part of his life absent from his native country, he still in his old age retained his love for Scotland and Scottish literature. The other addition was the collection made by Mr. James Gould, of Edinburgh, principally of records of the numerous Centenary celebrations of the Birth of Burns, held in all parts of the world, but containing also much curious and interesting matter relating to the Poet and his writings. The collection contains autographs of all the descendants of Burns who were living in 1859; of the authors of the principal essays on Burns, as John Wilson, J. G. Lockhart, and Thomas Carlyle; of a very large number of eminent persons who took part in the Centenary celebrations, including the chairmen of nearly all the meetings held over the country; and of other persons connected in various ways with the Poet's memory. The bulk of the collection consists of reports of the Burns meetings, taken from the newspapers of their several localities, and including not only the meetings in Scotland, but those also of England, Ireland, the Colonies, India, and the United States. For the securing this very interesting and appropriate memorial of the Centenary for our Burns Library I am much indebted to Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., for his effective assistance in the private subscription necessary for the purchase. Great praise is due to Mr. Gould for the watchfulness, patience, and ingenuity, almost amounting to genius, with which during many years he laboured to render the collection as complete as possible.

One of the most interesting additions received during 1884 was another memorial of the Centenary, in the form of a collection of autograph letters of acceptance or apology from a considerable number of distinguished men who had been invited to take part; together with the original MS. minute of the first meeting, held to organise the celebration. Among the autographs are letters from the sons of Burns, Sir Archibald Alison, Duke of Argyll, Shirley Brooks, Lord Brougham, Thomas Carlyle, Charles Dickens, Earl of Eglinton, Judge Haliburton ("Sam Slick"), Lord Houghton, Leigh Hunt, Mark Lemon, Editor of Punch, Samuel Lover, Lord Lytton, Lord Macaulay, Charles

Mackay, Westland Marston, Lord Palmerston, Lord Panmure, Earl Stanhope, Lord Tennyson, and W. M. Thackeray. The donor of the last volume was Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, Hon. Sec. of the National Free Library. During 1884 was received also another valuable gift from Mr. Alexander Gardyne, mentioned above, consisting of a large mass of manuscripts on Scottish poets and poetry, made by himself during the many years of his collecting in this department. They embrace identifications of numerous books, biographical and critical notes on the writers in his collection and other matters; and are arranged in seventeen quarto volumes. They will doubtless afford valuable assistance to many students and readers.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness. That, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The collections of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve in many cases local dialects, and local customs, and local manners which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in our National Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section of the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our Scottish Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for its encouragement it has given to this movement; may I hope that its Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,

*Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund,
Convener of the Committee of the "Mitchell Library."*

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1886.

LIST OF SOME OF THE WORKS ADDED TO THE
LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1885. (*See also*
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POETICAL.—Songs of Scotland, by Allan Cunningham, 4 v.; Ancient Popular Poetry of Scotland, by Laing; Scottish Ballads and Songs, edited by Maidment, 2 v. Modern Scottish Poets, by Edwards, v. 8. Songs of the North, by Macleod, Lawson, etc.; Poets of Clackmannanshire, by Beveridge; Lays, Highland and Lowland, by Elphinstone-Dalrymple; Poems,

by Gordon Fraser ; Poems, Local, Lyric, and Miscellaneous, by McCulloch ; Clarsach an Doire, by MacLeod ; Ballads of the Highlands and Islands, edit. by Even Maccloud ; Siren Casket, by Munro ; St. Andrews Lyrics, by Smith ; Poems, by Symington ; Poems, Songs, and Ballads, by Towers.

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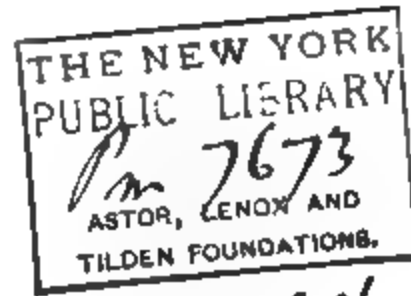


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REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

1886.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

The Committee of the Mitchell Library have much pleasure in submitting to the Town Council the Annual Report of the work carried on during the past year—a work which clearly demonstrates the continued usefulness and success of the Library as an educational institution. The general arrangements and attendant circumstances are very similar to those of recent years. The attendance of readers has been practically a maximum for some years, that is, as large as the present premises can accommodate—indeed, very much larger, if regard be had to the comfort and convenience of the readers. Many strong complaints, both in the public press and in private, have been made as to the continual overcrowding of the reading rooms, and, of course, with the accompanying annoyance as to ventilation. That which can possibly be done to improve the ventilation has been tried, but, from the construction of the building, without much success.

While the issue of books has been slightly less than in 1885, it was still larger than in any previous year; the total being 1,073, or 13,983 fewer, a difference of 2·98 per cent. Observation shows that a rather larger proportion of the visitors read only the current numbers of the numerous periodicals and magazines, which are not included in the recorded issue; so that it is probable, notwithstanding the slightly reduced number of books issued for, the total number of persons taking advantage of the Library was as large as in any former year. Most of the decrease occurred in the latter half of the year. Comparing the issues, as will be seen in the following table for 1885-1886 (p. 18), it will be noted that Theology, Arts and Sciences, and Poetry have slightly increased percentages, but it very plainly indicates that those using the Library do not attend for the mere purpose of amusement; works of fiction, which in most circulating libraries form from 50 to 80 per cent. of the issue, here forming less than 10 per cent.

The donations to the Library, though fewer than in some former years, have still been numerous and valuable. Among the more important were "The Douglas Book," by Dr. Wm. Fraser, in 4 vols., one of the most valuable recent contributions to Scottish family history, presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Home; a further gift of 400 volumes, chiefly in Scottish poetry, from the late Mr. Alex. Gardyne, of London; many volumes of United States Government reports and papers, sent by the Hon. W. R. Smith, of Washington, in continuation of his former large and valuable donations in the same department of literature; "A Descriptive Account of the Guildhall of London," by J. E. Price, from the Corporation of the City of London; and two manuscript collections from Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, London, one being Poems by James Macfarlan, the pedlar-poet, and the other consisting of autograph letters in connection with the Scott Centenary. In addition to these there was a bequest of £500 and a collection of about 600 volumes, chiefly theological, by the late Councillor David Logan, who, for the eighteen months that he was a member of the Town Council, had been a member of the Library Committee, and had always evinced a hearty interest in the welfare of the Library. This legacy of £500 is still untouched, and the Committee suggest that it be devoted to the acquirement of some special collection of books, as a permanent memorial of the worthy donor. The Committee desire to express their sincere and cordial thanks for these and other donations received, of which a complete list will be found at pp. 48-59.

The additions to the Library during 1886 have been large numbering, after deducting losses, 8,521 volumes, and including many scarce and important works. Of these, 3,728 were paid for out of the Moir Fund, 3,184 out of the General Fund, and 1,609 were presented. This brings the grand total of volumes in the Library up to 70,903. (A brief list of the principal works added appears in an appendix.) The only addition calling for special reference here is the large one made to the Moir Collection by purchase at the Whitefoord-Mackenzie sale—one of the most notable sales that have taken place in Scotland during the century—consisting of important works in standard literature all in admirable condition. While this splendid purchase cost about £450, the Committee are gratified at being able to state that the original donation remains intact. The great increase in the number of books has necessitated an increase in the amount of insurance; but the £17,000 which is endorsed on the policies would not enable the collection to be reinstated, as many of the books are simply invaluable and could not be replaced—practical isolation in new premises being the only safeguard.

The Mitchell Library is now among the more considerable and important of the public Libraries of the country, and excepting

the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, the largest in Scotland. Its progress hitherto may be taken as the promise of greater things in the future; but if this promise is to be fulfilled, larger means must be available, and, above all, a suitable building must be provided.

Impressed with this feeling, and also to secure greater immunity from fire—(a calamity which your Committee is in constant dread may befall this great institution, surrounded as the Library premises are by many hazardous trades carried on in the same building, above, below, and on either side)—your Committee, towards the end of 1885, recommended that a temporary location for the Library might be obtained by the utilization of ground in Ingram Street belonging to the City Improvement Trust, but the proposal was not favourably entertained by the Council. Having the vital interest of the Library so much at heart, your Committee could not consider the decision as final. New premises being absolutely necessary, various sites were examined by the Committee, many of them suitable; but want of funds precluding the possibility of obtaining them in present circumstances, they returned to the old idea which had been many times before them, and are of opinion that, if the present premises, though “cabin’d, cribb’d, confin’d,” were retained for two or three years, until the opening of the new Municipal Buildings, the present City Chambers, or one or other of the premises occupied by the Trusts, might be available. Should the City Chambers not then be required by the County authorities they could be, but at considerable cost, adapted for Library purposes, with all the advantages of light and isolation. Failing this, the present premises of the Gas Trust, if a frontage could be obtained to Glassford Street, would be a very central and suitable position for a great Reference Library, easy of access from all parts of the city. These suggestions might in the meantime be considered by the Council.

But while new premises are necessary for the proper housing of the Library, it is quite as important that more funds should be provided for its proper development, in order that the citizens may obtain the greatest possible advantages. In all the large public libraries of England—in cities comparable with Glasgow—almost as much money is annually spent in the purchase of books, etc., alone, as the whole revenues, for all purposes, of the Mitchell Library. For this the only remedy is the adoption by the citizens of the Free Library Acts. During the past year several towns have adopted the Acts—among them many of the London districts, and, more interesting to us, the neighbouring City of Edinburgh. True, it may be said that Edinburgh had the inducement of a conditional gift of £50,000. But the citizens of Glasgow should remember that, excluding the great value of the Stirling Library and the Baillie Bequest, this Committee have under their control for

Library purposes (including the value of the books in the Library nearly £100,000. It is to be regretted that the Town Council not give its powerful influence in favour of the adoption of the Acts in 1885. Few other public objects in Glasgow are needing or worthy of attention. In this Jubilee Year of Her Gracious Majesty it would be becoming the enlightened Library of the Corporation if their attitude towards the Free Libraries Acts were changed. The public library is a companion and auxiliary to the public school, and to all other educational agencies; and so long as Glasgow refrains from the adoption of the Acts, so long does she not receive full value for the educational rate which she so cheerfully bears. As pointed out in former Reports, the adoption of the Acts means not only an increased value of the Mitchell Library as a great Central Reference Library where any book which any citizen may ever desire to have access to may be supplied, but also the institution throughout the city of branch Reading Rooms and Local Libraries where books may either be consulted or taken home for perusal.

The Committee desire to record their appreciation of the services which Councillor William Wilson has rendered to the Mitchell Library since its formation, and especially during the eight years of his Convenership. To him is due the credit of the extensive collection of Scottish Poets in the "Poets' Corner," which will for all time a fitting memorial of the good-humoured persistence with which, in season and out of season, he urged the claim of the Library upon the citizens during his Convenership.

In name of the Committee.

JAS. COLQUHOUN
Convener.

1st February, 1887.

REPORT, 1886.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1886.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to report as follows on the progress and work of the Library during 1886, which was the ninth year since the opening in November, 1877.

The number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1885, as given in the last Report, was 62,382

There were added during 1886 :—

Books,	6,269	
Pamphlets,	2,298	
	—	8,567

These were acquired :—

By Purchase,	3,222	
By Gift or Bequest,	5,345	
	—	8,567

And have been classified as follows :—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History,	1,568		
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	1,768		
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce,	1,436		
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	1,376		
Poetry and the Drama,	694		
Linguistics,	91		
Prose Fiction,	100		
Miscellaneous Literature (a),	1,534		
	—	—	—
Carry forward,	8,567	8,567	62,382

(a) The class described as "Miscellaneous" consists chiefly of works which include two or more of the other classes, such as encyclopædias, selected works of general writers, essayists, sets of periodicals, etc.

Brought forward, ... 8,567 8,567 62

From this number must be deducted:—

Books worn out, ...	...	...	18
Books stolen, ...	...	...	18
Duplicates withdrawn, ...	...	...	3
Lost, no clue, ...	...	...	7
		—	46
			<u>8,521</u>

Showing a net addition of —

And in the Library at 31st December, 1886 (*a*), ... 70

The following are the classifications of the Library at date:—

Books, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55,369
Pamphlets, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,534
Purchased (<i>b</i>), ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44,633
Received by Gift or Bequest (<i>c</i>), ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,270
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,008
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,751
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,472
Arts, Sciences, Natural History, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,537
Poetry and the Drama, including the "Poet's Corner,"	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,383
Linguistics, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,073
Prose Fiction, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	650
Miscellaneous Literature, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,029

The number of separate works in the Library, as distinguished from volumes, is 43,245.

In the large number of 5,345 volumes entered as acquired by gift or bequest are included 3,730 purchased from the funds by the late Bailie Moir for the purpose of making additions to the Library. These were nearly all bought at the sale of Mr Whitefoord-Mackenzie's library, and they include many important and valuable works. In the list of the principal works secured during the year (see pp. 24-39), those for the Moir collection are marked with the letter *M*.

(*a*) Not including duplicates, available for sale or exchange.

(*b*) Including 62 vols. received in exchange for duplicates purchased.

(*c*) Including 1,790 vols. received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

The books reported stolen are of comparatively small value ; and of the seven entered as "lost" the larger number will, it is believed, be recovered.

To the "Poets' Corner," a collection of the works of and relating to Scottish poets and poetry, there have been added 286 volumes, making the present total 5,336, of which 1,002 are copies of the works of Robert Burns, or have special reference to him.

The collection of books, etc., relating to the City of Glasgow has been increased by the addition of 302 volumes and tracts ; the total number now amounting to 3,102, while 93 have been added to the section devoted to Early Glasgow Printing, and the total thereby increased to 1,057.

During the year 454,073 volumes were issued to readers, being 13,983, or 2·98 per cent. fewer than in 1885, though more than in any previous year. Of these, 4,632 were issued to ladies, being a larger number than were issued in any former year. In addition to the usual annual table, showing the issues in each class month by month, I beg to submit a summary statistical table (pp. 16-17), which exhibits the work of the Library from the commencement. From this it will be seen that there has been very little variation in the character of the reading from year to year. In the class of Theology and Philosophy the percentage has ranged between 8·25 and 10·51, the average being 9·24. In Sociology there has been an unbroken yearly increase in the percentage from 1·83 to 3·89. In Arts and Sciences the lowest percentage was 19·24, the highest 21·81, average 20·13. In Poetry and the Drama the proportion has become almost regularly smaller, diminishing from 8·19 to 5·60. In Linguistics the percentage has varied only between 2·23 and 3·13, while Miscellaneous Literature, which was remarkably steady for the first seven years at about 28·00 per cent., increased to over 31·00 in 1885 and 1886. This increase, which was noted in last year's Report, is believed to be due to two causes, first the addition of a number of volumes of popular magazines, and secondly to the increased call for the back volumes of important standard periodicals consequent on the use of Dr. Poole's invaluable Index to Periodical Literature. There remain for mention Prose Fiction, and the important class of History and Biography. The last-named class had in 1878 29·35 per cent. of the whole issue, a percentage larger than that of any other class. In 1886 it had fallen to 18·95, being surpassed both by Arts and Sciences and by Miscellaneous Literature. In 1878 there was no issue of Prose Fiction, but a selection of some 150 volumes was presented in 1879, and since then the issue has been about 9·00 of the total. Taken as a whole, the table may be said to indicate a fairly constant demand for reading of a useful and valuable character.

As will be seen, the total number of volumes issued to read from the opening of the Library to 31st December, 1886 3,492,580, and as the number of references to the current periodicals is nearly equal to the issue of books, it appears that the combined use of books and periodicals approaches seven million.

With regard to the use of the periodicals which are placed on the tables in the upper room, an examination was made during the year to ascertain if there were any so little read as to make it desirable to discontinue them. A note was made of the various magazines actually in the hands of readers. This was repeated two hundred times, extending over many days, and at various hours, so as to get as near a representation of the general use of the periodicals as possible. The result was to show that every one of the 270 periodicals on the tables was looked at by some reader, the least used being in hand 15 times out of the two hundred, while many appear to be almost constantly read. It should be stated that these particulars were taken during the summer and autumn months, and not in the busiest parts of the year. The number of times, out of two hundred, each periodical was found to be in reading will be found noted at its name in the list on pp. 40-46. The figures will probably have some interest for the Committee. A similar course of examinations made during the winter, and during the busy hours, would show numbers considerably higher for many of the periodicals.

The number of serial publications now placed on the tables is 270, including the following, which were added during 1886. The mark * indicates a gift.

- *Animal World.
- Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.
- Board of Trade Journal.
- *Colliery Manager.
- English Historical Review.
- Evangelical Repository.
- Fanciers' Gazette.
- Fishing.
- Gas World.
- Glasgow Faithful and True Witness.
- „ Foundry Boy.
- „ *Literary Journal and Coffee-Room Advertiser.
- „ *Ladies' Friend.
- „ Occult Magazine.
- „ *Witness for Truth.
- *Imperial Federation.
- *Industries.
- Inquirer.
- *Invention.

Iron and Coal Trades Review.
Iron and and Steel Institute, Journal.
Northern Notes and Queries.
Political Science Quarterly.
Poultry.
Schoolmistress.
Scottish Meteorological Society Journal.
Truth.

As in former years, the readers at the Library include persons belonging to all classes of the community, but there can be no doubt that the attendance of students and literary workers, to whom the Library would now be of the utmost value, is much discouraged by the absence of proper accommodation for them; and it should be added that the remarks made in former reports as to the grave difficulties and disadvantages under which the work of the Library is carried on, arising from the insufficient and unsuitable character of the present rooms, are by no means less applicable to the year recently closed.

I am, GENTLEMEN, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

F. T. BARRETT.

STATISTICAL TABLE, showing details of the work

NOTE.—The 1st line of figures in each Class-group below shows the net number
3rd, the number issued; the 4th, the percentage of issue in each

CLASS.						1878*	
Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History,	1.	Vols. Added,	3,233				
	2.	Total Vols.,	3,233				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	18,528				
	4.	Percentage,	8.60				
	5.	Daily Average,	54				
	6.	Turnover,	5.88				
History, Biography, Voyages and Travels,	1.	Vols. Added,	6,170				
	2.	Total Vols.,	6,170				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	63,473				
	4.	Percentage,	29.35				
	5.	Daily Average,	185				
	6.	Turnover,	10.67				
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce,	1.	Vols. Added,	1,552				
	2.	Total Vols.,	1,552				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	3,798				
	4.	Percentage,	1.83				
	5.	Daily Average,	12				
	6.	Turnover,	3.32				
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History,	1.	Vols. Added,	4,461				
	2.	Total Vols.,	4,461				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	42,856				7
	4.	Percentage,	20.17				
	5.	Daily Average,	127				
	6.	Turnover,	10.45				
Poetry and the Drama,	1.	Vols. Added,	3,293				
	2.	Total Vols.,	3,293				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	18,997				2
	4.	Percentage,	8.19				
	5.	Daily Average,	56				
	6.	Turnover,	10.34				
Linguistics,	1.	Vols. Added,	500				
	2.	Total Vols.,	500				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	4,801				
	4.	Percentage,	2.23				
	5.	Daily Average,	14				
	6.	Turnover,	9.69				
Prose Fiction,	1.	Vols. Added,	5				
	2.	Total Vols.,	5				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	...				2
	4.	Percentage,	...				
	5.	Daily Average,	...				
	6.	Turnover,	...				1
Miscellaneous Literature,	1.	Vols. Added,	3,858				
	2.	Total Vols.,	3,858				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	60,831				10
	4.	Percentage,	28.91				
	5.	Daily Average,	183				
	6.	Turnover,	17.46				
TOTALS,	1.	Vols. Added,	23,072				
	2.	Total Vols.,	23,072				
	3.	Vols. Issued,	213,284				37
	4.	Percentage,	100.00				
	5.	Daily Average,	631				
	6.	Turnover,	10.50				

* In this column are included all the books acquired up to the end of 1878, and also the issue November and December, 1877.

since the commencement, 5th November, 1877.

by year; the 2nd, the total number in each class at the end of each year; the 3rd, the daily average issued in each class; and the 6th, the turnover.

1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	Total.
774	792	1,146	660	1,072	1,566	11,008
5,772	6,564	7,710	8,570	9,442	11,008	11,008
36,978	37,880	40,107	41,340	42,736	39,115	322,811
9.16	10.34	10.51	9.50	9.13	8.61	9.24
120	124	131	134	139	127	115
7.23	6.04	5.90	5.18	4.67	3.65	53.89
1,467	877	623	479	975	1,764	13,751
9,033	9,910	10,533	11,012	11,987	13,751	13,751
83,450	71,438	69,957	82,695	86,310	86,037	715,800
20.67	19.51	18.33	19.00	18.44	18.95	20.48
272	233	229	269	281	280	254
10.67	7.49	6.87	7.69	7.39	6.41	82.61
1,695	679	737	733	1,339	1,433	9,472
4,551	5,230	5,967	6,700	8,039	9,472	9,472
12,694	12,092	13,133	15,446	17,865	17,663	110,416
3.14	3.30	3.44	3.55	3.82	3.89	3.16
41	39	43	50	58	58	39
4.14	2.47	2.37	2.47	2.35	1.95	26.50
1,039	950	960	831	1,452	1,364	12,537
6,980	7,930	8,890	9,721	11,173	12,537	12,537
79,406	76,124	83,233	88,378	94,152	89,160	702,918
19.67	20.79	21.81	20.31	20.12	19.64	20.13
259	249	272	287	307	291	250
12.55	10.07	9.91	9.53	9.19	7.41	99.83
789	346	1,938	265	359	691	9,383
5,784	6,130	8,068	8,333	8,692	9,383	9,383
28,981	22,531	28,607	30,091	27,095	25,408	239,637
7.18	6.15	7.50	6.92	5.79	5.60	6.86
94	74	93	98	88	83	85
5.65	3.74	4.52	3.66	3.17	2.75	48.31
33	32	130	35	104	90	1,073
682	714	844	879	983	1,073	1,073
12,632	11,198	10,811	10,897	10,930	11,778	92,567
3.13	3.06	2.83	2.50	3.33	2.59	2.65
41	37	35	35	36	38	33
19.26	16.08	14.57	12.66	11.58	11.22	130.84
64	79	62	39	85	90	650
295	374	436	475	560	650	650
34,589	30,557	33,215	40,688	41,844	41,557	291,048
8.57	8.34	8.71	9.35	8.94	9.15	8.33
113	100	109	132	137	135	104
149.74	97.93	86.05	88.26	75.94	65.34	973.04
1,128	1,174	961	872	1,500	1,523	13,029
6,999	8,173	9,134	10,006	11,506	13,029	13,029
114,983	104,405	102,544	125,607	147,124	143,355	1,017,883
28.48	28.51	26.87	28.87	31.43	31.57	29.15
375	341	335	408	479	467	362
18.27	14.18	11.93	13.27	13.25	11.58	145.17
6,989	4,929	6,557	3,914	6,886	8,521	70,903
40,096	45,025	51,582	55,496	62,382	70,903	70,903
403,713	366,225	381,607	435,142	468,056	454,073	3,492,580
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1,315	1,197	1,247	1,413	1,525	1,479	1,242
11.66	8.59	8.13	8.17	7.82	6.62	88.77

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1886.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of 270 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	Month.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History.	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Political, Sociology, and Commerce.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama.	Linguistics.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Total.	Daily Average 1886.	Daily Average 1885.
25	January,	4,204	9,615	1,916	8,871	2,786	906	4,841	16,019	48,958	1,953	1,935
24	February,	3,814	8,016	1,491	7,768	2,239	946	4,220	13,322	41,816	1,742	1,808
27	March,	3,957	8,558	1,692	8,938	2,449	1,065	4,311	15,063	46,031	1,705	1,648
25	April,	3,294	6,903	1,390	7,718	2,184	796	3,050	11,649	36,984	1,479	1,466
25	May,	3,117	5,570	1,201	7,113	1,882	646	2,694	9,696	31,919	1,277	1,308
26	June,	2,273	5,488	1,103	5,963	1,447	581	2,847	8,701	28,406	1,093	1,137
26	July,	1,556	5,194	1,077	5,253	1,484	516	2,687	8,000	25,867	995	1,065
26	August,	2,701	6,757	1,334	7,007	1,665	922	3,176	10,599	34,161	1,314	1,326
26	September,	3,160	7,435	1,548	7,565	1,929	1,341	3,454	11,550	37,982	1,461	1,593
25	October,	3,429	7,157	1,472	7,629	2,216	1,242	3,268	11,811	38,224	1,629	1,639
26	November,	3,858	8,119	1,773	8,464	2,395	1,462	3,672	13,390	43,153	1,660	1,679
26	December,	3,652	7,225	1,666	6,850	2,732	1,355	3,537	13,555	40,572	1,560	1,706
307	Total in each Class, 1886,	39,115	86,037	17,668	89,160	25,408	11,778	41,557	148,855	454,073	1,479	1,525
307	Total in each Class, 1885,	42,736	86,310	17,865	94,152	27,095	10,930	41,844	147,124	469,056	...	1,525
	Class Percentage of whole Issue, .. .	8.61 1885-9.13	18.95 18.44	3.89 3.82	19.64 20.12	5.60 5.79	2.59 2.31	9.15 8.94	31.57 31.43	100.00 100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class, ..	127 1885-139	280 281	53 58	291 307	83 86	38 36	135 137	467 479	1,479 1,525	...	...
	Turnover (a), . . .	3.65	6.41	1.95	7.41	2.75	11.22	65.34	11.58	6.62	.	..

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 20th June.

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877.

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

- OBJECTS—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.
- (b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877 the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited.

Although the hoped-for number of Subscribers was not reached, a considerable amount of success attended the movement. There has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed now to be the most extensive in existence. It contained, at 31st December, 1886, about 5,336 volumes, embracing the writings of about 2,000 authors.

The following are the most important additions which have been made to the "Poets' Corner":—

In 1878, by purchase, the large collection of the works of minor Scottish poets formed by the late Mr. Andrew Jervise, of Brechin, author of "Memorials of Angus and Mearns," "Epitaphs and Inscriptions of the North-east of Scotland," and other works. This collection numbered about 1,400 items.

In the year 1881 was acquired the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by the late Mr. James Gibson, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns published in 1881. This collection, including the Burns books previously and subsequently acquired, contains (31st December, 1886) about 1,002 volumes, and comprises 343 separate editions of the works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

Among the acquisitions of the year 1883 were two of special importance and interest. From the late Mr. Alexander Gardyne, of London, the "Poets' Corner" received no fewer than 1,300 "books and booklets." The other addition was the collection made by Mr. James Gould, of Edinburgh, principally of records of the numerous Centenary celebrations of the Birth of Burns, held in all parts of the world, but containing also much curious and interesting matter relating to the Poet and his writings. The collection contains autographs of all the descendants of Burns who were living in 1859; of the authors of the principal essays on Burns, as John Wilson, J. G. Lockhart, and Thomas Carlyle; of a very large number of eminent persons who took part in the Centenary celebrations, including the chairmen of nearly all the meetings held over the country; and of other

persons connected in various ways with the Poet's memory. For the securing this very interesting and appropriate memorial of the Centenary for our Burns Library I am much indebted to Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., for his effective assistance in the private subscription necessary for the purchase.

One of the most interesting additions received during 1884 was another memorial of the Centenary, in the form of a collection of autograph letters of acceptance or apology from a considerable number of distinguished men who had been invited to take part in it; together with the original MS. minute of the first meeting, held to organise the celebration. The donor of this volume was Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, Hon. Sec. of the National Festival. During 1884 was received also another valuable gift from Mr. Alexander Gardyne, mentioned above, consisting of a large mass of manuscript notes on Scottish poets and poetry, made by himself during the many years of his collecting in this department. They embrace identifications of anonymous books, biographical and critical notes on the writers in his collection, and other matters; and are arranged in seventeen quarto volumes. They will doubtless afford valuable assistance to many students and readers.

In 1886 another valuable donation of Scottish poetry was received from Miss Gardyne, sent by her at the desire of her late brother, Mr. Alexander Gardyne before-mentioned; and in the same year the "Poet's Corner" was enriched by the acquisition of an important series of scrap books (eight large volumes), containing the cuttings, portraits, illustrations, and other matter relating to Burns gathered together by the late Mr. James Gibson during the many years he devoted to the study of the Burns literature.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve in many cases local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement. May I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,
Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund.

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1886.

BRIEF TITLES OF THE MORE IMPORTANT WORKS
ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR
1886. THOSE MARKED *M.* ARE ADDED TO THE
MOIR COLLECTION. (*See also* LIST OF DONATIONS
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	ADAM (E.) <i>ed.</i>	Abridgement of the Procedure Acts, Supreme Courts in Scotland.	1886	...	96,96
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Interest received during 1886, <i>net</i> ,	-	-	-	2,621	9	9
Received for Waste Paper,	-	-	-	2	13	0
				£67,799	0	5

Payments from 1st Dec., 1885, to 30th Nov., 1886.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	£480	8	2
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	163	10	6
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	143	18	8
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	95	17	2
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	1,111	3	4
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	366	13	2
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	146	0	3
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	83	10	0
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	94	16	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	64	1	3
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	120	0	0

						£2,869	18	9
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1886,						64,929	1	8
						£67,799	0	5

Payments from Commencement in 1874 to 30th Nov., 1886.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	£10,482	9	4
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	1,445	8	7
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	1,177	8	4
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	1,109	16	3
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	8,964	12	6
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	3,324	15	0
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	1,247	4	9
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	643	19	8
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	2,543	9	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	932	9	2
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	2,213	13	4
						£34,085	6	2

Total Expenditure on Books, Periodicals, and Binding.

Year 1886, £787 17s. 4d.; from Commencement, £13,105 6s. 3d.
The average cost of each Volume and Pamphlet purchased was 5s. 7d.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1886.

Amount of Capital Stock at 1st Dec., 1885,	-	-	-	£65,174	17	8
Interest received during 1886, <i>net</i> ,	-	-	-	2,621	9	9
Received for Waste Paper,	-	-	-	2	13	0
				£67,799	0	5

Payments from 1st Dec., 1885, to 30th Nov., 1886.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	£480	8	2
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Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	143	18	8
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	95	17	2
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	1,111	3	4
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	366	13	2
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	146	0	3
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	83	10	0
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	94	16	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	64	1	3
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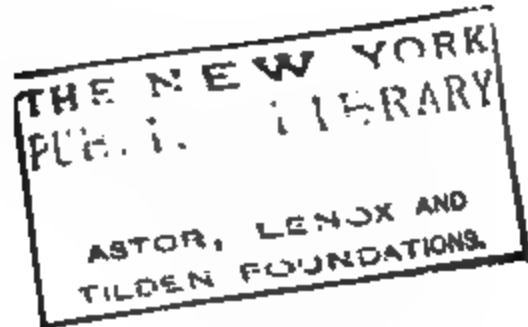
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Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	2,543	9	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	932	9	2
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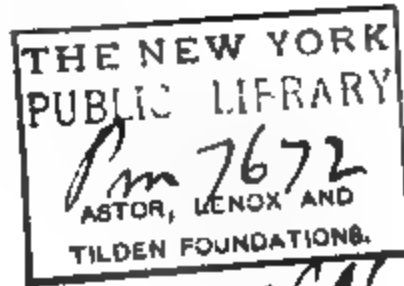


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GENTLEMEN WHO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE PREVIOUS TO 1886.

Joined.

1874	Lord Provost The Hon. SIR JAMES KING, LL.D., 1874-6, again from 1886,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Re
1874	Ex-Lord Provost SIR JAMES WATSON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Ex-Lord Provost SIR JAMES BAIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Ex-Lord Provost SIR WILLIAM COLLINS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Ex-Lord Provost JOHN URE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Bailie JAMES SALMON (Sub-Convener 1874-78),	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Ex-Preceptor WILLIAM WILSON (Convener 1878-86),	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Re
1874	Ex-Preceptor A. G. MACDONALD,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Ex-Preceptor THOMAS A. MATHIESON (Sub-Convener 1878-84),	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Bailie JAMES ADAMS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Bailie WILLIAM CLARK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Bailie HUGH COLQUHOUN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Bailie JOHN NEIL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Bailie EDWARD J. SCOTT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Ex-Treasurer WILLIAM MILLER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Deacon-Convener WILLIAM SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Councillor WILLIAM B. GARVIE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Councillor HENRY GRIERSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Councillor ALEXANDER MACKENZIE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1874	Councillor WILLIAM R. W. SMITH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Re
1875	Bailie JAMES MOIR,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1875	Bailie JAMES MORRISON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1875	Deacon-Convener ARCHIBALD GILCHRIST,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1876	Bailie WILLIAM BROWN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1877	Bailie JAMES L. SELKIRK,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1877	Bailie JAMES TORRENS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1877	Deacon-Convener R. A. BOGUE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1878	Bailie ARCHIBALD DUNLOP,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1878	Bailie GEORGE JACKSON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1878	Dean of Guild PATRICK PLAYFAIR,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1879	Bailie PETER BERTRAM,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Re
1879	Bailie DUNCAN M. PHERSON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1879	Bailie ALEXANDER M'LAREN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1879	Dean of Guild J. B. MURLEES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1879	Deacon-Convener ANDREW M'ONIE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1879	Councillor ANDREW S. BRYCE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1880	Councillor W. M. STUART,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1881	Bailie JAMES GRAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1881	Dean of Guild ALEX. STEPHEN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1881	Deacon Convener THOMAS REID,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1881	Councillor JAMES M. FORKESTER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1881	Councillor JOHN R. MILLER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1882	Bailie HUGH S. THOMSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1882	Councillor C. D. RANKIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1883	Ex-Lord Provost WM. M'ONIE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1883	Bailie JAMES MCFARLANE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1883	Bailie JOHN SHEARER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1883	Deacon-Convener HUGH KENNEDY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1883	Bailie JAMES COLQUHOUN (Convener from 1886),	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Re
1883	River Bailie JAMES H. MARTIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1883	Bailie MICHAEL SIMONS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1884	Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM (Sub-Convener from 1886),	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Re
1884	Councillor THOMAS CUMMING,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1884	Councillor DAVID LOGAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1884	Councillor WALTER PATON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1885	Dean of Guild W. G. BLACKIE, LL.D.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1885	Councillor WILLIAM PETTIGREW,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

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Hon. SIR JAMES KING, LL.D., Lord Provost.	Councillor HUGH BRECHIN.
Dean of Guild W. G. BLACKIE, LL.D.	Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM.
Bailie JAMES COLQUHOUN.	Councillor J. URE PRIMROSE.
Councillor PETER BERTRAM.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
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Bailie JAMES COLQUHOUN, *Convener*.

Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM, *Sub-Convener*.

1887-88.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM.
Bailie COLQUHOUN.	Councillor J. URE PRIMROSE.
Bailie MITCHELL.	Councillor W. R. W. SMITH.
Councillor PETER BERTRAM.	Councillor WALTER WILSON.
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Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM, *Sub-Convener*.

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: JAMES D. BROWN, ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: E. A. HOLME KAY, HUGH M'GUIRE, JOHN HALL,
WILLIAM C. ANDERSON, D. HENRY GEDDIE,
HENRY Y. SIMPSON, CHARLES R. BAPTIE.

Janitor: JOHN WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

1887.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

The Report of the Libraries Committee this year possesses more than usual interest, from the fact that it is with the completion of the first decade in the existence of Mitchell Library, and enables the Town Council to review so long a period of steady progress, gratifying alike in the increased advantage taken of it by the citizens generally, and the valuable additions made to it year by year, partly by purchase, and partly by the thoughtful generosity of kind donors, to whom our best thanks are ever due.

Its unsuitable premises still continue to give rise to complaint and dissatisfaction, and the Committee cannot avoid again pointing out to the Town Council how much greater would have been its progress and its value to the citizens had it been more suitably used, and its stores of knowledge perused in a fresher and more healthful atmosphere.

The Committee believe that no other consulting or reference library made so much steady progress in so short a time as ten years. Some such Libraries are indeed larger, but they are also much older, and besides, have had the great advantage of the operation of the Free Libraries Act, in failing to take advantage of which, Glasgow now stands alone among our great communities. The Committee desire again to acknowledge the liberality of Bailie Neil in continuing, for the ten years just closed, the use of the upper flat, a grant which was originally made for three years only.

The issue of books is again somewhat less than in 1886, owing probably partly to the fact of many readers formerly idle being now at work, and consequently not spending so much time in the library, a gratifying state of matters as regards the condition made in our city; but, as the Librarian points out, unhappily only due, in his opinion, to the want of more suitable accommodation for pursuing literary research, a state of matters which cannot soon be remedied. The character of the reading continues

satisfactory, and bears evidence of a desire on the part of readers to seek solid information from the abundant resources at their disposal.

Your Committee in last report referred to their attempt to improve the ventilation of the Mitchell Library as having been hitherto practically unsuccessful. The subject, however, is still engaging the careful consideration of the Committee.

The donations to the Mitchell Library during 1887, while not of special importance, were still numerous and very acceptable. Among them the Committee would hereby acknowledge the gift of a "selection from the Library of the late Bailie Craig," sent by Mr. J. S. Craig; and accord their hearty thanks for all donations received, of which a complete list will be found on pages 45-55.

The additions to the Mitchell Library by purchase have not been so numerous as in 1886. They have been made much on the usual lines. The purchases and donations together number in all (after deducting losses) 4,928 volumes. These losses arise from various causes, and while it will be seen that 77 were worn out and 1 lost, 21 were stolen and 2 mutilated and withdrawn. It is not pleasant to notice such unworthy conduct, but doubtless when brought under their notice, the great body of honest readers will join in lending a helping hand to keep their splendid possessions intact, and to assist in bringing to light and punishment such dishonest practices, blemishing the fair fame of our community.

Education has of late been advancing in our midst, and we look to its influence to elevate and improve the position of generations to come, knowing as we do that without the spread of knowledge among our masses, we shall soon be out of the race in the keenly-contested battle for supremacy and success. This being so, it surely is not unbecoming in your Committee to express the hope that nothing may happen to curtail or paralyze the valuable assistance which such a collection as the Mitchell Library in happier circumstances might afford as an educational power among us in all time to come, and so form no small factor in promoting the advancing greatness of our City.

In name of the Committee,

JAS. COLQUHOUN,
Convener.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1887.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN,

The following Report on the Mitchell Library for the year 1887 is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

As stated in the Report for 1886, the number of volumes in the Library at the end of that year was 70,903

The additions made during 1887 number:—

Books,	3,829	
Pamphlets,	1,200	
	—	5,029

Of these 5,029 there were received:—

By Purchase,	3,089	
By Gift or Bequest,	1,940	
	—	5,029

Additions in each class:—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History,	837	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	876	
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce,	1,035	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	826	
Poetry and the Drama,	244	
Linguistics,	44	
Prose Fiction,	81	
Miscellaneous Literature,	1,086	
	—	—
	5,029	5,029

The losses of the year number:—

Books worn out,	77	
Books stolen,	21	
Books mutilated and withdrawn,	2	
Books lost, no clue,	1	
	—	101

4,928

Leaving a net addition of 4,928

And a total number at 31st December, 1887, of (a),... 75,831

(a) Not including duplicates, available for sale or exchange.

The following are the classifications of the Library at that date:—

Books,...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59,099	
Pamphlets,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,732	
									75,831
Purchased (b),	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,643	
Received by Gift or Bequest (c),	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,188	
									75,831
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,845	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,621	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,507	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,358	
Poetry and the Drama, including the "Poet's Corner,"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,623	
Linguistics,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,111	
Prose Fiction,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	704	
Miscellaneous Literature,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,062	
									75,831

The number of separate works contained in the above 75,831 volumes is 46,020.

A list of the more important books added will be found at pp. 21-36. They have been selected on the same general principles as hitherto, and do not call for special remark here. Those which have been purchased from the Moir Fund are marked *M*.

The following additions have been made to the three principal special collections, which have been formed in the Library.

To the "Poet's Corner," a library of Scottish poetry and verse, 89 volumes, making a total at the present date of 5,425, including 1,007 volumes, relating specially to Robert Burns.

To the "Glasgow Collection," 402 volumes, bringing up the present number of books, pamphlets, etc., specially referring to the city, to 3,504.

To the department of "Early Glasgow Printing," 88 volumes, total, 1,145, of which about 430 are from the Foulis Press.

The number of readers, and the issue of books are somewhat less than in 1886, which again was slightly below 1885, when the largest number yet recorded was reached. The total number of volumes issued in 1887 was 418,808, against 454,073 in 1886, and 468,056 in 1885. This diminution is believed to be mainly due, first to an improved state of trade, with the consequent reduction in the number of unemployed persons in the city; and second, and probably in a much larger degree, to the inconvenience and discomfort which arise from the inadequacy of the rooms for the accommodation of the large numbers who desire to take advantage of the Library. We hear almost daily of persons who

(b) Including 73 vols. received in exchange for duplicates purchased.

(c) Including 1,816 vols. received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

have visited the Library, and who are anxious to continue to consult the books, but who find themselves unable to endure the conditions to which at present readers are unfortunately subjected. This is specially the case with a class of readers to whom the Library would otherwise be of the greatest service, namely, students and persons engaged in literary research; their discouragement, amounting in many cases to exclusion, is to be deplored in the interest of the Library, not less than in the interest of the public.

While the general character of the reading during the year was substantially similar to that of the earlier years reported on, there were slight variations which it may be interesting to note. The classes in which the percentage was larger than in the previous year were:—Theology and Philosophy, 9·17 as against 8·61; Arts and Sciences, 20·23 against 19·64; Poetry, 5·96 against 5·60; Miscellaneous Literature 31·93 against 31·57. In the following classes the proportion was lessened:—History and Biography, 18·05 against 18·95; Sociology, 3·85 against 3·89; Philology, 2·25 against 2·59; Prose Fiction, 8·56 against 9·15. The steadiness and regularity which have been characteristic of the reading in the Library from the commencement, are illustrated by these figures: the largest difference in the percentage of any class, between the two years, is only 0·90, and the average difference is less than half of one per cent. For further particulars respecting the year's issue, I would refer to the annual table, p. 13, and the detailed summary table, showing the work of each year from 1878, on pp. 14, 15.

The following periodicals have been added to those placed on the tables of the magazine room. Those marked * are presented. The total number now at the service of the public is 290.

Book Prices Current.	Glasgow South Suburban Press.
Bookbinder.	*Iron and Steel Trades Journal.
Classical Review.	Journalist.
* Coachmaker's Journal.	Liberal Unionist.
Congregational Review.	Monthly Chronicle.
Glasgow Christian Citizen.	Murray's Magazine.
„ Clyde Bill of Entry.	*School.
„ Fraternal Review.	Scots' Magazine.
„ *Pen and Pencil.	Scottish Leader.
„ Scottish People.	Scottish Notes and Queries.
„ *Script Phonographic Journal.	Scribner's Magazine.
„ *Sloan-Duployan Short-hand Magazine.	*Stationery Trade Review.
„ *South Glasgow Gazette.	*Undertakers' Journal.
	*Young Naturalist.

An observation has again been made of the use of the various periodicals, the result of which appears in the figures appended to the list on pp. 37-43. As was the case last year, many appear to

be almost constantly in hand, including not only the popular illustrated and humorous papers, but also many of the more important of the weekly, monthly, and quarterly reviews; while in all the large list there is none which has not its appreciative readers.

The year now reported on completes the first period of ten years in the history of the Library. The progress which it has made and the extent to which the public have availed themselves of its advantages, have far exceeded the anticipations formed; and are, indeed, as far as I am aware, quite without precedent in the history of the first ten years of any other reference or consulting Library. At the end of ten years the Library contains more than 75,000 volumes; nearly four millions of volumes have been delivered to readers; and the references to current numbers of the various periodical publications are estimated to be not far short of the same large total. The development which is thus briefly indicated is utterly out of proportion to the accommodation provided by the present Library rooms. Every part of the work of the Library is now rendered at once more difficult and less efficient by the want of adequate space. The public suffer inconvenience, annoyance, and often deprivation of the use of the Library; the books suffer injury by the necessity of keeping them in unsuitable places; and it may be permissible to add, the staff suffer in health, and their service in effectiveness. I believe it is literally true, that in Great Britain at least, no public library of nearly equal extent, value, and public usefulness is kept in premises at once so insecure, unsuitable, and so inadequate for the work discharged within them. It is an unwelcome duty to complain of one's quarters, but in an annual report it would be improper to omit mention of a matter which so vitally affects all the circumstances of the Library.

I am, GENTLEMEN, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

F. T. BARRETT.

GLASGOW, *February, 1888.*

(Not including the reading of current numbers of 290 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	Month	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	Poetry and the Drama	Linguistics	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous Literature	Total	Daily Average 1887.	Daily Average 1886.
25	January,	4,183	8,469	1,796	8,174	2,884	1,274	3,784	14,052	45,196	1,808	1,858
24	February,	3,615	7,338	1,669	8,164	2,509	917	3,096	12,893	40,201	1,675	1,742
27	March,	3,711	7,955	1,597	8,386	2,703	937	3,248	13,376	41,913	1,552	1,705
25	April,	3,030	6,346	1,335	6,730	1,769	650	2,494	10,398	32,752	1,510	1,479
25	May,	2,728	4,712	953	6,186	1,464	544	1,976	8,207	26,772	1,071	1,277
25	June,	2,278	4,224	817	5,115	1,395	588	2,273	7,839	24,529	981	1,093
25	July,	2,018	4,444	583	5,155	1,482	543	2,209	8,119	24,858	994	995
27	August,	2,649	5,775	1,190	6,857	1,764	648	3,039	10,151	32,078	1,188	1,314
26	September,	3,019	6,157	1,240	7,747	2,338	817	3,377	11,197	35,892	1,380	1,461
25	October,	3,238	6,227	1,470	7,228	2,051	765	3,009	11,249	35,327	1,413	1,529
26	November,	3,980	6,982	1,751	7,640	2,330	742	3,817	13,129	40,377	1,553	1,660
27	December,	3,958	6,989	1,427	7,337	2,260	991	3,445	12,516	38,928	1,442	1,560
307	Total in each Class, 1887,	38,413	75,618	16,130	84,719	24,949	9,416	85,837	138,726	418,808	1,864	1,479
307	Total in each Class, 1886,	39,115	86,037	17,663	89,160	25,408	11,778	41,557	143,355	454,073	..	1,479
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	9.17 1886-8 61	18.05 18 95	3.85 3.89	20.23 19.64	5.96 5.60	2.25 2.59	8.56 9.15	31.93 31.57	100.00 100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class,	125 1886-127	246 280	52 58	276 291	81 83	31 38	117 135	436 467	1,364 1,479	...	...
	Turnover (a),	3.37	5.29	1.61	6.53	2.61	8.57	50.47	9.69	5.67	...	...

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of volumes in the Library at 30th June.

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1st year by year; the 2nd, the total number in each class at the end of each year; the 5th, the daily average issued in each class; and the 6th, the turnover.

1871	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	Total.
74	792	1,146	660	1,072	1,566	837	11,845
72	6,564	7,710	8,370	9,442	11,008	11,845	11,845
78	37,880	40,107	41,340	42,736	39,115	38,413	361,224
5	10.34	10.51	9.50	9.13	8.61	9.17	9.23
1	124	131	134	139	127	125	116
	6.04	5.90	5.18	4.67	3.65	3.37	57.26
	877	623	479	975	1,764	870	14,621
	9,910	10,533	11,012	11,987	13,751	14,631	14,631
	71,438	69,957	82,696	86,310	86,037	75,618	790,918
	19.51	18.33	19.00	18.44	18.95	18.05	20.22
	233	229	269	281	280	246	244
	7.49	6.87	7.09	7.39	6.41	5.29	87.50
	679	737	733	1,339	1,433	1,035	10,507
	5,230	6,907	6,700	8,039	9,472	10,507	10,507
	12,092	13,133	15,446	17,865	17,663	16,130	126,546
	3.30	3.44	3.55	3.82	3.89	3.85	3.24
	39	43	50	58	58	52	40
	2.47	2.37	2.47	2.35	1.95	1.61	25.11
	950	960	831	1,452	1,364	821	13,358
	7,930	8,890	9,721	11,173	12,537	13,368	13,368
	76,124	83,233	88,378	94,162	89,160	84,719	787,637
	20.79	21.81	20.31	20.12	19.64	20.23	20.14
	249	272	287	307	291	271	252
	10.07	9.91	9.53	9.19	7.41	6.53	106.36
	346	1,938	265	359	691	240	9,623
	6,130	8,063	8,333	8,692	9,383	9,623	9,623
	22,531	28,607	30,091	27,095	25,408	24,949	264,586
	6.15	7.50	6.92	5.79	5.60	5.96	6.76
	74	93	98	88	83	81	85
	3.74	4.52	3.06	3.17	2.75	2.61	50.92
	32	130	35	104	90	38	1,111
	714	846	879	983	1,073	1,111	1,111
	11,198	10,811	10,897	10,930	11,778	9,416	101,963
	3.06	2.83	2.50	3.31	2.59	2.25	2.61
	37	35	35	36	38	31	31
	16.08	14.57	12.06	11.63	11.22	8.57	139.41
	79	62	39	85	90	54	704
	374	436	476	600	650	704	704
	30,557	33,215	40,688	41,844	41,557	35,837	326,885
	8.34	8.71	9.36	8.94	9.15	8.56	8.36
	100	109	132	137	135	117	106
	97.93	86.05	88.26	75.94	65.34	60.47	1023.51
	1,174	961	872	1,500	1,523	1,033	14,062
	8,173	9,134	10,006	11,606	13,029	14,062	14,062
	104,405	102,544	125,607	147,124	143,355	133,728	1,151,609
	23.51	26.87	23.87	31.43	31.57	31.93	29.44
	341	335	408	479	467	436	369
	14.18	11.93	13.27	13.25	11.58	9.69	154.86
	4,929	6,557	3,914	6,886	8,521	7,225	75,831
	45,025	51,582	55,496	62,332	70,903	75,831	75,831
	366,225	381,607	435,142	468,056	454,073	418,808	3,911,388
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	1,197	1,247	1,413	1,525	1,479	1,364	1,254
	8.59	8.13	8.17	7.82	6.82	5.67	94.44

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PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
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2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.
3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.
4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.
5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.
6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee may, from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.
7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.
8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.
9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.
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11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.
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14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

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18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. The book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at the Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877.

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

- 1—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.
- (b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

On the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877 the desire was expressed that should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." It was proposed to obtain One Hundred copies of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of £100, and donations of Books were invited. As a result, there has been added in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, believed now to be the most extensive in existence. It contained, in December, 1887, about 5,425 volumes, embracing the writings of 100 authors.

The Library of Scottish Poetry has been formed partly by the acquisition of collections made by gentlemen who had devoted much time, care, and expense to gathering together works of this class; and partly by the purchase, either by purchase or donation, single volumes or small groups of books.

Of the larger collections, the following are the more important. First, by purchase, the large collection of the works of minor Scottish Poets, formed by the late Mr. Andrew Jervise, of Brechin, author of *Annals of Angus and Mearns*, "*Epitaphs and Inscriptions of the West of Scotland*," and other works. This collection numbered 100 items.

Second, by purchase, the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by the late Mr. James Gibson, the Editor of the *Biography of Burns* published in 1881. This collection, including books previously and subsequently acquired, contains (31st December, 1887) about 1,007 volumes, and comprises 343 separate editions of the Works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

Third, the acquisitions of the year 1883 were two of special importance. From the late Mr. Alexander Gardyne, of London, the "Poets' Corner" received no fewer than 1,300 "books and booklets."

In addition was the collection made by Mr. James Gould, of Edinburgh, principally of records of the numerous Centenary celebrations of the Works of Burns, held in all parts of the world, but containing also much other and interesting matter relating to the Poet and his writings. The collection contains autographs of all the descendants of Burns who were living in 1859; of the authors of the principal essays on Burns, as John G. Lockhart, and Thomas Carlyle; of a very large number of persons who took part in the Centenary celebrations, including

the chairmen of nearly all the meetings held over the country; and of other persons connected in various ways with the Poet's memory. For the securing this very interesting and appropriate memorial of the Centenary for our Burns Library I am much indebted to Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., for his effective assistance in the private subscription necessary for the purchase.

One of the most interesting additions received during 1884 was another memorial of the Centenary, in the form of a collection of autograph letters of acceptance or apology from a considerable number of distinguished men who had been invited to take part in it; together with the original MS. minute of the first meeting, held to organise the celebration. The donor of this volume was Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, Hon. Sec. of the National Festival. During 1884 was received also another valuable gift from Mr. Alexander Gardyne, mentioned above, consisting of a large mass of manuscript notes on Scottish poets and poetry, made by himself during the many years of his collecting in this department. They embrace identifications of anonymous books, biographical and critical notes on the writers in his collection, and other matters; and are arranged in seventeen quarto volumes. They will doubtless afford valuable assistance to many students and readers.

In 1886 another valuable donation of Scottish poetry was received from Miss Gardyne, sent by her at the desire of her late brother, Mr. Alexander Gardyne before-mentioned; and in the same year the "Poet's Corner" was enriched by the purchase of an important series of scrap books (eight large volumes), containing the cuttings, portraits, illustrations, and other matter relating to Burns gathered together by the late Mr. James Gibson during the many years he devoted to the study of the Burns literature.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve in many cases local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement. May I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,
Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund.

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1888.

**BRIEF TITLES OF THE MORE IMPORTANT WORKS
ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR
1887. THOSE MARKED *M.* ARE ADDED TO THE
MOIR COLLECTION. (*See also* LIST OF DONATIONS,
pp. 45-55, AND LIST OF PERIODICALS IN PROGRESS, pp. 37-43.)**

ABERCROMBY (RALPH) Weather. 1887	...	...	12,372
Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society Transactions. 1886	...	...	98,905
AITKEN (Sir WM.) Growth of the Recruit. 1887	...	...	101,358
AITON (W.) Agriculture of Bute. 1816	...	...	100,648
Albanaise, Grammaire. 1887	...	...	58,738
ALEXANDER (FRANCESCA) Christ's Folk in the Apennine	...	...	97,607
ALEXANDER (WILLIAM) Abridgment of Acts of Parliament (Scotland), 1424-1707. 1841	...	...	99,052
— Abridgment of Acts of Sederunt. 1542-1851, 1838-52. 3 vols.	...	...	99,058
ALLIBONE (S. A.) Quotations. 1885. 3 vols.	...	...	97,740
ALVES (ROBERT) History of Literature. 1794	...	...	97,436
ANDERSON (T. MCC.) Diseases of the Skin. 1887	...	...	99,853
ANDERSON (WILLIAM) Pictorial Arts of Japan. 1886	...	...	68,746
ANDREWS (WILLIAM) Famous Frosts and Frost Fairs. 1887	...	...	98,161
ARBUTHNOT (F. F.) Persian Portraits. 1887	...	...	98,174
Archaeologia Scotica, vol. 5, parts 1-2. 1874-80	...	...	4,493
ARCHER (THOMAS) Our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. 1887	...	...	100,120
Architecture, Dictionary of. vol. 7. 1887, etc.	...	...	9,687
ARGYLL (DUKE OF) Scotland as it was and as it is. 1887. 2 vols.	...	...	98,168
ARMSTRONG (WALTER) Scottish Painters. 1888	...	...	69,206
ARNOLD (EDWIN) Lotus and Jewel. 1887	...	...	100,922
ASHENHURST (T. R.) Design in Textile Fabrics. 1885	...	...	70,140
ASHTON (JOHN) Legendary History of the Cross. 1887	...	...	100,372
ASSIER (A. D') Posthumous Humanity. 1887	...	...	100,874
ATKINSON (EDWARD) Margin of Profits. 1887	...	...	100,083
AUDSLEY and BOWES. Ceramic Art of Japan. 1881	...	...	69,012
AUDSLEY (W. and G.) Outlines of Ornament. 1881	...	...	68,991
— Polychromatic Decoration. 1882	...	...	68,999
AULD (ALEX.) Life of John Kennedy, D.D. 1887	...	...	98,213
Australian Handbook (Gordon & Gotch). 1887	...	...	98,278
AVIANUS. Fables, ed. by R. Ellis. 1887	...	...	100,242
BADDELEY (M. J. B.) Orkney and Shetland. 1886	...	...	99,042
BAEDEKER (K.) Great Britain. 1887	...	...	1,206
BAILEY (N.) Dictionarium Britannicum. 1736	...	...	98,546
BAILLIE (JOANNA) Ahalya Bae. 1849	...	...	98,946
BAIN (EBENEZER) Aberdeen Incorporated Trades. 1887	...	...	100,453
BALFOUR (F. H.) Leaves from my Chinese Scrap-Book. 1887	...	...	81,065
BALL (JOHN) Naturalist in South America. 1887	...	...	100,461
BANNERMAN (D. D.) Scripture Doctrine of the Church. 1887	...	...	43,892
BARBÉ (L. A.) Tragedy of Gowrie House. 1887	...	...	100,921
BARBIER ET DESESSARTS. Nouvelle Bibliothèque d'un homme de goût. 1808-10. 5 vols.	...	...	100,379
BARCLAY (R.) Religious Societies of the Commonwealth. 1876	...	...	68,937
Barker's Trade and Finance Annual. 1886-87	...	...	97,728
BARNABY (Sir N.) Naval Review of Ships of War. 1886	...	...	97,650
BARNES (WILLIAM) Poems of Rural Life. 1887	...	...	97,675

	BARRATT (ALFRED) Physical Ethics. 1869	98,851
	—— Physical Metempiric. 1883	98,852
M.	BARRÈRE (A.) Argot and Slang. 1887	68,749
	BARRON (A. F.) <i>ed.</i> National Pear Conference, 1885. 1887...	100,564
M.	BARROWS (W.M.) Oregon. 1885	69,060
	BARTHOLOMEW (JOHN) Gazetteer of the British Isles. 1887	98,236
	BARY (A. DE) Morphology of the Fungi, etc. 1887	100,244
	—— Phanerogams and Ferns. 1884	101,504
	Bas Fhraoich. Iona, 1887	100,455
M.	BATENHAM (G. and W.) Ancient Chester. 1880	68,997
	BAX (E. B.) Religion of Socialism	98,199
M.	BAYLY (WILLIAM) Collection of Wrightings. 1676	68,936
	Beacon, The. 1821	98,680
	BEAUMONT (R.) Woollen Manufacture. 1888...	70,873
	BEET (J. A.) Commentary on Corinthians. 1885	100,113
	—— Commentary on Galatians. 1885	100,114
	—— Commentary on Romans. 1885	100,111
	BELL (SIR CHARLES) Letters. 1870	98,841
	BELL (H. G.) My Old Portfolio. 1832	100,157
	BENJAMIN (S. G. W.) Persia and the Persians. 1887	100,458
	BERKELEY (HASTINGS) Wealth and Welfare. 1887	100,905
	BEUST (COUNT VON) Memoirs. 1887. 2 vols.	100,459
	BEVAN (G. P.) Channel Islands	99,578
	BIDDLE (T. E.) Amateur Sailing. 1886	97,694
	—— Corinthian Yachtsman. 1881	97,697
	BINET and FÉRÉ. Animal Magnetism. 1887	12,373
	BIRCH (W. DE G.) Domesday Book. 1887	100,536
	BIRRELL (A.) Obiter Dicta. 2nd Series. 1887	99,956
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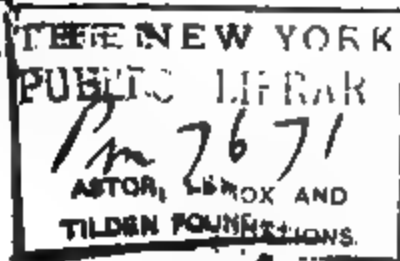


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1882	Bailie HUGH S. THOMSON,	18	88
1882	Councillor C. D. RANKIN,	18	88
1883	Ex-Lord Provost WM. M'ONIE,	18	88
1883	Bailie JAMES MCFARLANE,	18	88
1883	Bailie JOHN SHEARER,	18	88
1883	Deacon-Convener HUGH KENNEDY,	18	88
1883	Bailie JAMES COLQUHOUN (Convener from 1886),	-	Remains
1883	River Bailie JAMES H. MARTIN,	18	88
1883	Bailie MICHAEL SIMONS,	18	88
1884	Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM (Sub-Convener from 1886),	-	Remains
1884	Bailie THOMAS CUMMING,	18	88
1884	Councillor DAVID LOGAN,	18	88
1884	Bailie WALTER PATON,	18	88
1885	Dean of Guild W. G. BLACKIE, LL.D.,	18	88
1885	Councillor WILLIAM PETTIGREW,	18	88
1886	Councillor WILLIAM BILSLAND,	-	Remai
1886	Councillor HUGH BRECHIN,	18	
1886	Councillor J. URE PRIMROSE,	-	Rema

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1887-88.

Hon. SIR JAMES KING, Bart., LL.D.,
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1888-89.

The LORD PROVOST.

Bailie COLQUHOUN.

Bailie MITCHELL.

Deacon-Convener TULLIS.

Councillor JAMES ALEXANDER.

Councillor WILLIAM BILSLAND.

Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM.

Councillor WILLIAM M'LEAN, Jun.

Councillor J. URE PRIMROSE.

Councillor WALTER WILSON.

Councillor WILLIAM WILSON.

Bailie COLQUHOUN, *Convener*.

Councillor ROBERT GRAHAM, *Sub-Convener*.

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: JAMES D. BROWN (*till Sept.*), ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: E. A. HOLME KAY, HUGH A. M'GUIRE, JOHN HALL,

WILLIAM C. ANDERSON, D. HENRY GEDDIE,

HENRY Y. SIMPSON, CHARLES R. BAPTIE.

Janitor: JOHN WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE LORD PROVOST AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.

1888.

MY LORD PROVOST AND GENTLEMEN,

In submitting their Report for the year, the Committee would again express their deep regret that, notwithstanding the varied though the literary treasures are of which they are in the custody and administration, they have still no prospect of a building worthy to be their permanent home, and worthy the city whose possession they are.

The Mitchell bequest, munificent though it be, and even when augmented by the Moir fund, is quite insufficient for the establishment and support of a reference Library in any way adequate for Glasgow. Is it not reasonable to ask that the Corporation, which accepted gifts so munificent, should itself provide means whereby the community may to the fullest extent enjoy the privileges they confer?

The Committee are satisfied that the Town Council would be doing a thoroughly wise and popular thing in providing a worthy dwelling, and would have the approval and support of the community, who, while they recognise the greatness of their city commercially, are quite alive to their responsibility in securing for her lowliest citizen the means toward that higher advancement which gives the best security for the future.

In view of the expressions of opinion in the Town Council, and on the subject of the reduction of the rate of interest was lately under discussion, and the widely-expressed feeling that the Library must not be allowed to suffer in efficiency, the Library Committee would suggest the appointment of a strong joint Committee to consider the whole question alike of housing and

finance, and to propose a scheme. This would be a judicious act, for the Town Council cannot contemplate without concern the crippling of this, one of the most popular, beneficial, and practically useful of our institutions.

In September last the Library Association of the United Kingdom held their Annual Conference in Glasgow, and the meeting proved a great success. Among the papers read three were contributed by members of the Library Staff—Mr. Barrett Librarian; Mr. Ingram, Sub-Librarian; and Mr. J. D. Brown Senior Assistant (who has since been appointed Librarian of the Public Library of Clerkenwell parish, London). The visitors expressed themselves as greatly delighted with the reception, and many pleasant friendships were formed. Referring to the meeting, the *Library Chronicle* said—"It rarely falls to the lot of any city—even of the Capital—to entertain in one year so many and such varied guests as have within the last few months hastened to enjoy the hospitality of St. Mungo. But to none was a heartier welcome offered than to the Library Association, and by none was that kindly hospitality more warmly appreciated."

As in past years, your Committee have to acknowledge with thanks many valuable donations. Of these a list will be found in an appendix (pp. 45-55). The Committee would here record their particular obligations to the Right Hon. the Dowager Lady Vernon, the Right Hon. the Lord Herries, the family of the late Mr. Thomas Coats, various Departments of the United States Government, the Trustees of the British Museum, and the Provost and Senior Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin. While thanking present donors most cordially, the Committee feel assured that, were the Library placed in a proper building, the gifts of valuable books would be much more numerous.

In name of the Committee,

JAS. COLQUHOUN
Convener.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1888.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN,

The unfortunate conditions attaching to the present "temporary" Library premises, namely, the want of necessary space and the absence of efficient ventilation, have had, during the past year, their appropriate effect in further diminishing the attendance of the reading public, and so far reducing the value and usefulness of the Institution. For the third year in succession I have to report a decrease in the number of volumes issued to readers. During 1888 the number was 359,884, a number which is nearly 15 per cent. less than the 418,808 in 1887; while, if compared with the 468,065 of 1885, the year of largest issue, the decrease is fully 23 per cent. It is the opinion of the Library staff, however, that the actual amount of reading has not been diminished quite to that extent; for we think we observe that the tendency of readers generally is to keep books longer in hand, and to change them less frequently than in previous years, so that, while fewer issues are recorded, the time spent on each is on an average longer. But while we believe that the figures show a rather larger decrease in the use of the Library than is actually the fact, it remains only too certain that a considerable diminution does exist; and this is believed to be mainly due, as was stated last year, to the fact that these rooms do not, and cannot, provide sufficiency of suitable accommodation for those who desire to avail themselves of the large resources of the Library, and that, in consequence, the use of the Library is attended by much discomfort and annoyance. Other causes, no doubt, contributed to the same result. The great attractions of the International Exhibition accounted for some portion of the decrease; while the generally good demand for labour kept down the number of the unemployed, always an important factor in connection with the attendance of readers at public libraries.

Although to this extent reduced, the number of readers is still larger than the rooms will properly accommodate, and there is

still at many times an inconvenient amount of overcrowding. It must, therefore, be anticipated that unless some more suitable and adequate building be speedily secured, the use of the Library will be still further diminished. It is to be deeply regretted that, while the Library is becoming year by year richer in all departments of literature, better fitted to supply the wants of every student and every reader, its usefulness should be so seriously restricted as it is by the want of a building in which its treasures could be conveniently arranged and securely kept, and where students could pursue their researches, and the general reader enjoy their books, in wholesome and comfortable rooms.

The statistics given on pp. 13-15 furnish full information as to the reading of the year, which, in its general characteristics, was substantially similar to that of recent years. It will be seen that the great majority of the books issued belong to those classes of works which deal with matters of information and instruction rather than to those conveniently described as "light reading."

The additions of the year were again considerable in number, and mark another forward step in the building-up of a reference or consulting Library, which may eventually become in some measure worthy of the city and commensurate with its needs.

In the last Report the number of volumes in the Library at the end of 1887 was stated to be ... 75,831

To these were added during 1888:—

Books,	...	...	...	...	3,759
Pamphlets,	...	...	...	...	1,059
				—	4,818

These being acquired:—

By Purchase,	...	...	...	2,463
By Gift or Bequest,	...	...	...	2,355
				— 4,818

The number in each class being:—

Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History,	...	...	571
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	...	...	832
			—
Carry forward,	...	...	1,403

<i>Brought forward,</i>	...	1,403	75,831
Law, Politics, Sociology, and			
Commerce,	... ..	663	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,		937	
Poetry and the Drama,	... ..	542	
Linguistics,	... ..	52	
Prose Fiction,	... ..	90	
Miscellaneous Literature,	... ..	1,131	
		<u>4,818</u>	<u>4,818</u>

Deduct, as follows:—

Books worn out,	... ..	24	
Books stolen,	... ..	19	
Books mutilated and withdrawn,		—	
Books missing, no clue,	... ..	3	
		<u>46</u>	
			<u>4,772</u>

And the net addition of the year is shown to be ... 4,772

And the contents of the Library at 31st December, 1888 (a) 80,603

The following are the classifications of the Library at that date:—

Books,	... ..	62,816	
Pamphlets,	... ..	17,787	
		<u>80,603</u>	
Purchased (b),	... ..	50,062	
Received by Gift or Bequest (c),	... ..	30,541	
		<u>80,603</u>	
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History,	... ..	12,416	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	... ..	15,446	
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce,	... ..	11,167	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	... ..	14,285	
Poetry and the Drama, including the "Poets' Corner,"		10,165	
Linguistics,	... ..	1,163	
Prose Fiction,	... ..	782	
Miscellaneous Literature,	... ..	15,179	
		<u>80,603</u>	

(a) Not including duplicates.

(b) Including 75 vols. received in exchange for duplicates purchased.

(c) Including 1,864 vols. received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

The number of separate works contained in the above 80,603 volumes is 48,917.

The large collection of leading Periodicals in the Upper Room (see list at pp. 37-43) continues to attract a great number of readers. During 1888 the following serials were added to those already on the tables, those to which an asterisk is prefixed being presented:—

Archæological Review.	Glasgow. Scottish Referee.
*Army and Navy Gazette.	„ Scottish Sport.
*Bon-Accord.	„ Speaker.
Book-Worm.	Grocer.
*Christian Quarterly Review.	Library Notes.
Church Times.	*Literary Society.
Farming World.	Rock.
*Gas and Water Review.	Scots Observer.
Glasgow. Morning Star.	Theological Review and Free
„ *Scotch Waters.	Church Quarterly.
„ *Scottish Art Review.	Torch.
„ *Scottish Cyclist.	Universal Review.

I am, GENTLEMEN, very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

F. T. BARRETT.

GLASGOW, *February, 1889.*

Days Open	MONTH.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama	Linguistics	Prose Fiction	Mis- cellaneous Literature.	Total.	Daily Average 1888.	Daily Average 1887.
25	January,	4,219	7,833	1,744	8,580	2,542	918	3,937	12,184	41,957	1,678	1,808
25	February,	3,504	7,125	1,733	7,348	1,973	792	3,666	11,454	37,595	1,604	1,675
27	March,	3,255	6,752	1,521	7,043	1,900	777	3,663	10,995	35,906	1,330	1,552
24	April,	2,647	5,002	1,082	6,116	1,667	596	2,745	7,998	27,853	1,161	1,310
25	May,	2,460	4,359	902	5,069	1,171	587	2,427	7,216	24,191	968	1,071
26	June,	2,158	4,543	944	4,790	952	418	2,249	6,768	22,822	878	981
25	July,	1,806	4,698	1,097	4,291	1,237	387	2,394	6,719	22,630	905	994
26	August,	2,228	4,758	1,197	5,011	1,221	649	3,027	7,845	25,836	993	1,188
24	September,	2,601	4,538	1,355	5,344	1,410	578	2,727	7,877	26,330	1,037	1,380
26	October,	2,760	5,398	1,424	5,837	1,417	685	2,989	8,719	29,228	1,124	1,413
26	November,	3,133	5,777	1,594	6,573	1,732	741	3,177	10,368	33,095	1,273	1,553
25	December,	3,198	5,369	1,417	6,351	1,716	988	3,066	10,335	32,440	1,293	1,442
304	Total in each Class, 1888,	33,869	66,153	16,010	72,311	18,938	8,016	36,067	108,478	359,884	...	...
307	Total in each Class, 1887,	36,413	75,618	16,130	84,719	24,949	9,416	35,837	133,726	418,808	...	...
	Class Percentage of whole Issue,	9.41 1887-9.17	18.38 18.05	4.45 3.85	20.11 20.23	5.26 5.96	2.23 2.25	10.02 8.56	30.14 31.93	100.00 100.00	...	...
	Daily Average Issue in each Class,	111 1887-125	218 246	55 52	238 276	69 81	26 31	119 117	557 436	1,184 1,364	...	...
	Turnover (a),	2.81	4.39	1.47	5.22	1.89	7.03	47.33	7.31	4.57	...	...

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was loaned. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

STATISTICAL TABLE, showing details of the work.

NOTE.—The 1st line of figures in each Class-group below shows the net number added; the 2nd, the number of vols. added; the 3rd, the number issued; the 4th, the percentage of issue in connection with the number added; the 5th, the daily average; the 6th, the turnover.

CLASS.	1878 *	1879	1880	
Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History, ..	1. Vols. Added, 3,233 2. Total Vols., 3,233 3. Vols. Issued, 18,528 4. Percentage, 8.60 5. Daily Average, 54 6. Turnover, 5.88	1,039 4,272 31,339 8.25 102 7.90	726 4,998 34,788 8.90 113 7.44	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	1. Vols. Added, 6,170 2. Total Vols., 6,170 3. Vols. Issued, 63,473 4. Percentage, 29.35 5. Daily Average, 185 6. Turnover, 10.67	667 6,837 92,545 24.37 301 14.39	729 7,566 79,395 20.32 258 11.03	1 1 8 1
Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce,	1. Vols. Added, 1,552 2. Total Vols., 1,552 3. Vols. Issued, 3,798 4. Percentage, 1.83 5. Daily Average, 12 6. Turnover, 3.32	913 2,465 7,456 1.96 24 3.56	391 2,856 10,269 2.63 33 3.87	1
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History, ..	1. Vols. Added, 4,461 2. Total Vols., 4,461 3. Vols. Issued, 42,856 4. Percentage, 20.17 5. Daily Average, 127 6. Turnover, 10.46	800 5,261 74,449 19.59 243 15.17	680 5,941 75,160 19.24 244 15.55	7
Poetry and the Drama,	1. Vols. Added, 3,293 2. Total Vols., 3,293 3. Vols. Issued, 18,997 4. Percentage, 8.19 5. Daily Average, 56 6. Turnover, 10.34	421 3,714 29,732 7.83 97 8.40	1,281 4,995 28,195 7.22 92 6.08	2
Linguistics,	1. Vols. Added, 500 2. Total Vols., 500 3. Vols. Issued, 4,801 4. Percentage, 2.23 5. Daily Average, 14 6. Turnover, 9.69	52 552 8,551 2.24 28 16.47	97 649 10,969 2.81 36 19.31	1
Prose Fiction,	1. Vols. Added, 5 2. Total Vols., 5 3. Vols. Issued, .. 4. Percentage, .. 5. Daily Average, .. 6. Turnover, ..	155 160 28,253 7.46 157 176.68	71 231 40,345 10.32 131 233.20	3 4
Miscellaneous Literature,	1. Vols. Added, 3,858 2. Total Vols., 3,858 3. Vols. Issued, 60,831 4. Percentage, 28.91 5. Daily Average, 183 6. Turnover, 17.46	951 4,809 107,423 28.30 350 24.17	1,062 5,871 111,611 28.56 362 21.06	1 6 114 2 1
TOTALS,	1. Vols. Added, 23,072 2. Total Vols., 23,072 3. Vols. Issued, 213,284 4. Percentage, 100.00 5. Daily Average, 631 6. Turnover, 10.60	4,998 28,070 379,748 100.00 1,237 14.57	5,037 33,107 390,732 100.00 1,269 12.71	6 40 403 12 1 1

* In this column are included all the books acquired up to the end of 1878, and also the issues of November and December, 1877.

Library since the commencement, 5th November, 1877.

added year by year; the 2nd, the total number in each class at the end of each year; the 5th, the daily average issued in each class; and the 6th, the turnover.

1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	Total.
792	1,146	660	1,072	1,566	837	571	12,416
6,564	7,710	8,370	9,442	11,008	11,845	12,416	12,416
37,880	40,107	41,340	42,736	39,115	38,413	33,869	395,093
10.34	10.51	9.50	9.13	8.61	9.17	9.41	9.25
124	131	134	139	127	125	111	116
6.04	5.90	5.18	4.67	3.65	3.37	2.81	60.07
877	623	479	975	1,764	870	825	15,446
9,910	10,533	11,012	11,987	13,751	14,621	15,446	15,446
71,438	69,957	82,695	86,310	86,037	75,618	66,153	857,071
19.51	18.33	19.00	18.44	18.95	18.05	18.38	20.07
233	229	269	281	280	246	218	250
7.49	6.87	7.69	7.39	6.41	5.29	4.39	92.29
679	737	733	1,339	1,433	1,035	660	11,167
5,230	5,967	6,700	8,039	9,472	10,507	11,167	11,167
12,092	13,133	15,446	17,865	17,663	16,130	16,010	142,556
3.30	3.44	3.55	3.82	3.89	3.85	4.45	3.34
39	43	50	58	58	52	53	42
2.47	2.37	2.47	2.35	1.95	1.61	1.47	32.50
950	960	831	1,452	1,364	821	927	14,285
7,930	8,890	9,721	11,173	12,537	13,358	14,285	14,285
76,124	83,233	88,378	94,152	89,160	84,719	72,353	859,990
20.79	21.81	20.31	20.12	19.64	20.23	20.11	20.13
249	272	287	307	291	276	238	251
10.07	9.91	9.53	9.19	7.41	6.53	5.22	111.58
346	1,938	265	359	691	240	542	10,165
6,130	8,068	8,333	8,692	9,383	9,623	10,165	10,165
22,531	28,607	30,091	27,095	25,408	24,949	18,938	283,524
6.15	7.50	6.92	5.79	5.60	5.96	5.26	6.64
74	93	98	88	83	81	62	83
3.74	4.52	3.66	3.17	2.75	2.61	1.89	52.81
32	130	35	104	90	38	52	1,163
714	844	879	983	1,073	1,111	1,163	1,163
11,198	10,811	10,897	10,930	11,778	9,416	8,016	109,999
3.06	2.83	2.50	3.33	2.59	2.25	2.23	2.57
37	35	35	36	38	31	26	32
16.08	14.57	12.66	11.58	11.22	8.57	7.03	146.44
79	62	39	85	90	54	78	782
374	436	475	560	650	704	782	782
30,557	33,215	40,688	41,844	41,557	35,837	36,067	362,952
8.34	8.71	9.35	8.94	9.15	8.56	10.02	8.50
100	109	132	137	135	117	119	106
97.93	86.05	88.26	75.94	65.34	50.47	47.33	1,070.84
1,174	961	872	1,500	1,523	1,033	1,117	15,179
8,173	9,134	10,006	11,506	13,029	14,062	15,179	15,179
104,405	102,544	125,607	147,124	143,355	133,726	108,478	1,260,087
28.51	26.87	28.87	31.43	31.57	31.93	30.14	29.50
341	335	408	479	467	436	357	368
14.18	11.93	13.27	13.25	11.58	9.69	7.31	162.17
4,929	6,557	3,914	6,886	8,521	4,928	4,772	80,603
46,025	51,582	55,496	62,382	70,903	75,831	80,603	80,603
366,225	381,607	435,142	468,056	454,073	418,808	359,884	4,271,272
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1,197	1,247	1,413	1,525	1,479	1,364	1,184	1,248
8.59	8.13	8.17	7.82	6.62	5.67	4.57	99.01

COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library," such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee, may from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall be afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

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18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October, 1877.*

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

GLASGOW, *2nd June, 1881.*

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

THE "POETS' CORNER."

A Library of the Poetry of Scotland.

- OBJECTS**—(a). The acquirement of (1) copies of the Works of Burns, and all Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, and, as far as possible, of their different editions; (2) Selections or Collections of Scottish Poetry; (3) Historical and Critical Dissertations on the Poetry of Scotland; (4) Biographies of Scottish Poets.
- (b). The preparation of a Catalogue, giving the names, birth and death dates, and localities of the various Authors, the titles of their Works, with particulars of Editions, and such other information as may be obtainable.

At the opening of the Mitchell Library in 1877 the desire was expressed that there should be formed, as a special department of the Library, a collection of the Works of Scottish Poets and Verse Writers, under the name of the "Poets' Corner." It was proposed to obtain One Hundred Subscribers of Five Pounds each, to be payable in yearly instalments of One Pound, and donations of Books were invited. As a result, there has been formed in the City, as public property, a collection of Scottish Poetry, which is believed now to be the most extensive in existence. It contained, at 31st December, 1888, about 5,565 volumes, embracing the writings of about 2,000 authors.

This library of Scottish Poetry has been formed partly by the acquisition of large collections made by gentlemen who had devoted much time, care, and expense to gathering together works of this class; and partly by the securing, either by purchase or donation, single volumes or small groups of works. Of the larger collections, the following are the more important.

In 1878, by purchase, the large collection of the works of minor Scottish poets formed by the late Mr. Andrew Jervise, of Brechin, author of "Memorials of Angus and Mearns," "Epitaphs and Inscriptions of the North-east of Scotland," and other works. This collection numbered about 1,400 items.

In 1881, by purchase, the extensive and valuable collection of editions of the Works of Burns, and books illustrative of his life and writings, formed during many years by the late Mr. James Gibson, the Editor of the Bibliography of Burns published in 1881. This collection, including the Burns books previously and subsequently acquired, contains (31st December, 1888) about 1,032 volumes, and comprises 353 separate editions of the works of Burns, in from one to eight volumes each. It is felt that the City may be justly congratulated on the acquisition of this collection, forming as it does a memorial of the Poet, more significant, perhaps, of his greatness, and of the honour and regard in which he is held by his countrymen and the world, than any other that could be devised.

Among the acquisitions of the year 1883 were two of special importance and interest. From the late Mr. Alexander Gardyne, of London, the "Poets' Corner" received no fewer than 1,300 "books and booklets." The other addition was the collection made by Mr. James Gould, of Edinburgh, principally of records of the numerous Centenary celebrations of the Birth of Burns, held in all parts of the world, but containing also much curious and interesting matter relating to the Poet and his writings. The collection contains autographs of all the descendants of Burns who were living in 1859; of the authors of the principal essays on Burns, as John Wilson, J. G. Lockhart, and Thomas Carlyle; of a very large number of eminent persons who took part in the Centenary celebrations, including

the chairmen of nearly all the meetings held over the country; and of other persons connected in various ways with the Poet's memory. For the securing this very interesting and appropriate memorial of the Centenary for our Burns Library I am much indebted to Mr. J. Wyllie Guild, C.A., for his effective assistance in the private subscription necessary for the purchase.

One of the most interesting additions received during 1884 was another memorial of the Centenary, in the form of a collection of autograph letters of acceptance or apology from a considerable number of distinguished men who had been invited to take part in it; together with the original MS. minute of the first meeting, held to organise the celebration. The donor of this volume was Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, Hon. Sec. of the National Festival. During 1884 was received also another valuable gift from Mr. Alexander Gardyne, mentioned above, consisting of a large mass of manuscript notes on Scottish poets and poetry, made by himself during the many years of his collecting in this department. They embrace identifications of anonymous books, biographical and critical notes on the writers in his collection, and other matters; and are arranged in seventeen quarto volumes. They will doubtless afford valuable assistance to many students and readers.

In 1886 another valuable donation of Scottish poetry was received from Miss Gardyne, sent by her at the desire of her late brother, Mr. Alexander Gardyne before-mentioned; and in the same year the "Poet's Corner" was enriched by the purchase of an important series of scrap books (eight large volumes), containing the cuttings, portraits, illustrations, and other matter relating to Burns gathered together by the late Mr. James Gibson during the many years he devoted to the study of the Burns literature.

I may be permitted to point out that the Poetical Literature of Scotland has long been recognised to be of quite exceptional extent and richness; and that, in particular, probably no country is more rich, possibly so rich, in local or rural, or, as it is sometimes called, peasant poetry. The writings of these local Poets over all the country, in addition to their literary value, preserve in many cases local dialects, and local customs, and local memories, which are fast passing away. It is surely worth while that in one public Library in the country there should be set apart a storehouse for these treasures, where they will be carefully kept, and preserved for future generations of readers. The hope is cherished that in this section the "Mitchell Library" will render a real service to students of our National Literature, by placing within their reach means so ample for the study of what is, perhaps, its most distinctive and characteristic feature.

As in former circulars, my best thanks are due to the Press for the encouragement it has given to this movement. May I hope that influential Journals in different localities will again give it their support?

Donations, either in money or books, will be taken charge of by Mr. Barrett, at the Library, 60 Ingram Street, and all will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

WILLIAM WILSON,
Treasurer of the "Poets' Corner" Fund.

42 Glassford Street,
Glasgow, 25th January, 1889.

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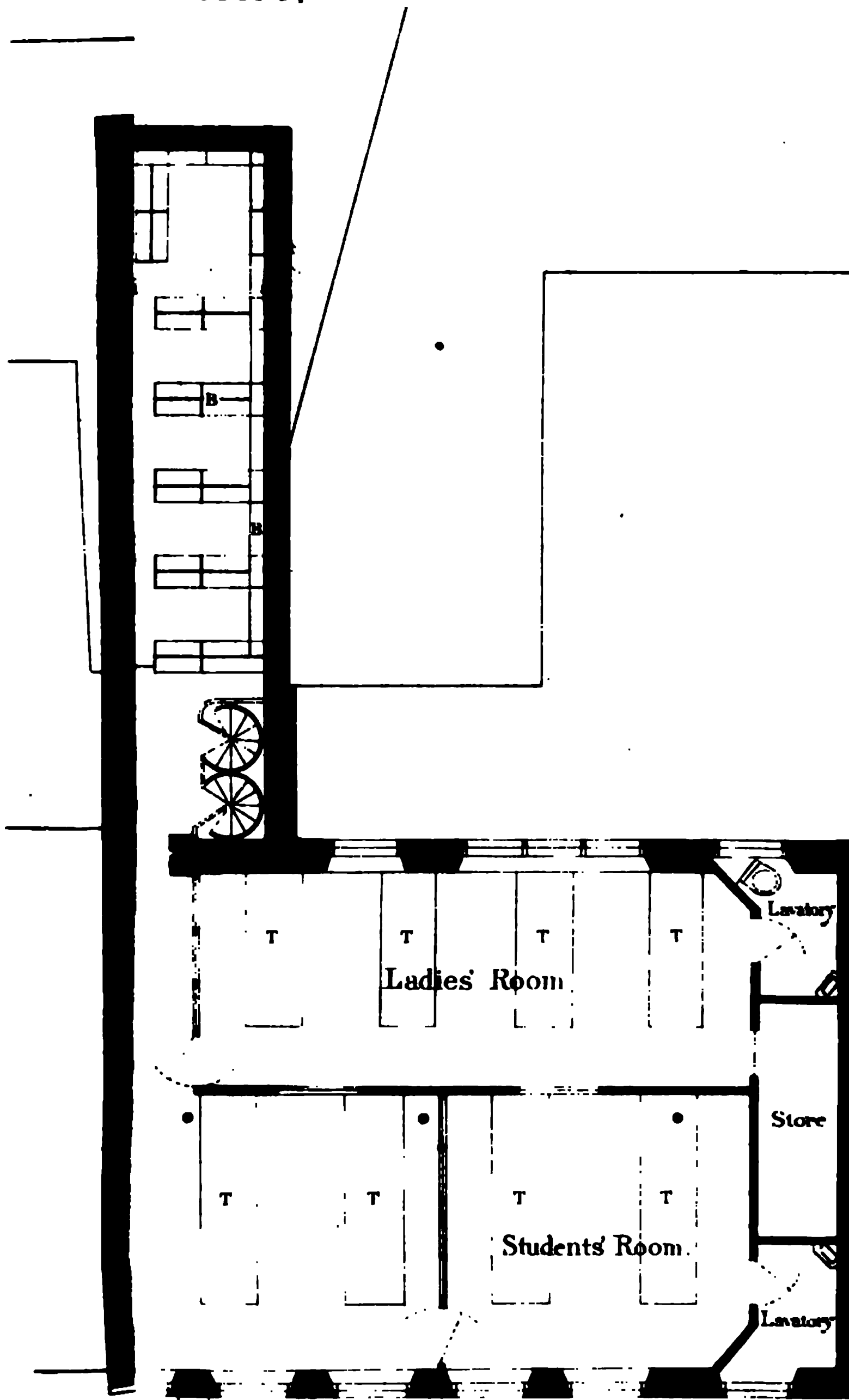
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1884	Councillor DAVID LOGAN,	1886
1884	Bailie WALTER PATON, to 1885, and 1889 to	1891
1885	Dean of Guild W. G. BLACKIE, LL.D.,	1887
1885	Bailie WILLIAM PETTIGREW,	1886
1886	Bailie WILLIAM BILSLAND,	- Remains
1886	Bailie HUGH BRECHIN,	1887
1886	Bailie J. URE PRIMROSE,	- Remains
1887	Lord Provost The Hon. JOHN MUIR,	- Remains

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1890-91.

Hon. JOHN MUIR, Lord Provost.
Bailie PATON.
Bailie GRAHAM.
Deacon-Convener MASON.
Councillor ALEXANDER.
Councillor BELL.

Councillor WILLIAM BILSLAND.
Councillor COLQUHOUN.
Councillor J. URE PRIMROSE.
Councillor WALTER WILSON.
Councillor WILLIAM WILSON.

Councillor JAMES COLQUHOUN, *Convener*.

Bailie ROBERT GRAHAM, *Sub-Convener*.

1891-92.

The LORD PROVOST.
Bailie GRAHAM.
Bailie PRIMROSE.
Bailie BILSLAND.
Dean of Guild J. GUTHRIE SMITH.
Deacon-Convener W. R. COPLAND.
Depute River Bailie FLEMING.
Councillor BATTERSBY.
Councillor BELL.

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Councillor JAMES DICK.
Councillor WM. FIFE.
Councillor GRAY.
Councillor A. J. HUNTER.
Councillor MASON.
Councillor M'CUTCHEON.
Councillor SINCLAIR.
Councillor WALTER WILSON.

Bailie GRAHAM, *Convener*.

Councillor COLQUHOUN, *Sub-Convener*.

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistants: ROBERT ADAMS, FRANKLIN T. BARRETT.

Assistants: HENRY Y. SIMPSON, JAMES C. EWING, WALTER S.
C. RAE, JOHN KEITH, GEORGE B. CLARK,
WILLIAM MCGILL, JOSEPH H. STIRLING,
THOMAS BELL, EVELYN J. FOOT.

Janitor: JOHN WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

Assistant: MALCOLM WILLIS.

REPORT
BY
THE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
TO
THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.
1889-1890-1891.

The Committee have pleasure in submitting their eleventh Report to the Town Council. It covers a longer period of work than on any former occasion, as, owing to the transition state of the Library, no Report was issued during the past two years. It is a matter of sincere congratulation that the Library is now housed in a permanent home, worthy of its great literary treasures, though that satisfaction is tinged with a feeling of regret that the building does not occupy a more isolated position.

Towards the close of 1889 the premises in Miller Street, vacated by the Water Commissioners, were acquired for Library purposes. As it was expected that these could be remodelled within a few months, notice was given that the Library would remove from the old premises in Ingram Street at May, 1890. By permission of the Town Council, the books were stored in the rooms of the old City Chambers, the Council Hall being opened to the public as a Magazine Room, a privilege for which the Committee are exceedingly grateful to the Town Council. From various causes, over which the Committee had no control, the remodelling of the Miller Street premises occupied a much longer time than was anticipated, and it was only in the autumn of 1891 that the books were removed to their new home. It is said that two removes are as bad as a fire; but here upwards of 80,000 volumes were twice removed within eighteen months, happily with little injury or loss. During this period the Magazine Room only was open to the public, the books being entirely inaccessible. The complaints of the inconvenience to the reading public were numerous and well-founded, but no remedy



accommodation for 400 readers. Your Committee anticipate with confidence that the building, though originally erected with very different objects in view, and only "adapted" for Library uses, will be found well suited to its new purposes, and they trust that many who found themselves unable to pursue any study or research in the Ingram Street rooms will now be enabled to take full advantage of the large stores of information which the Library affords.

The building is entirely lighted by electricity, which has given every satisfaction during the past winter. An installation of gas has also been provided in view of any emergency.

The total amount expended upon the new building has been about £22,000, an amount which has made a most serious inroad upon the funds of the Library—the interest upon the balance being altogether inadequate to maintain the Library in a state of efficiency. It remains the duty of the Committee, therefore, to urge upon the Council the consideration of providing some permanent provision for its upkeep.

It may be of interest to the new members of Council to know that the only source of revenue possessed by the Library is the interest on the Mitchell Library Fund, and on the sum bequeathed by the late Bailie Moir. Until May, 1889, this was rated at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., but at that date the rate of interest was reduced to 3 per cent., a reduction of almost one-third.

The amount received from the founder's trustees in 1874 was £66,998, and the capital stock at 31st May, 1889, when the reduction of interest took effect, was £63,893. A valuable library of more than 80,000 volumes had been formed, and the current charges of twelve years' work met, and the fund reduced by no more than £3,105. The total payments under all heads had been more than £41,500.

To meet the deficiency caused by the reduction of interest the Town Council granted, from the surplus revenue of the Gas Trust, £2,000 for the two years ending Whitsunday, 1891.

In November, 1891, the Council granted a further sum of £2,000 from the Glasgow share of the residue grant under the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890. But this allocation cannot be depended upon as a source of income, as there is no guarantee that the Government will continue it.

The purchase of the Miller Street property, with the cost of reconstructing and furnishing it, have reduced the Mitchell Library Fund to about £40,000, giving at 3 per cent. £1,200, less £120 annuities, £1,080

The Moir Fund, say £10,000, at 3 per cent., will give
£300, less annuity £200, 100

Showing total free income, £1,180

During the last six years before the removal the average annual expenditure, *excluding rent and annuities*, was about £2,350. The restriction of the expenditure to this amount compelled the Committee to decline or postpone the purchase of many important works which such a Library should contain.

In the new building the costs of administration and maintenance will be higher. Looking to the position of the Library as the Public Library of the City of Glasgow, the sum of £3,000 a year is the smallest on which the Library can be conducted and developed in a manner at all commensurate with the requirements of the city. That this is a moderate estimate will be seen from a comparison with other similar libraries:—Liverpool Reference Library, £5,000; Manchester and Birmingham, each approaching £4,000; Edinburgh Central (Reference and Lending), £5,400.

The new premises were formally opened by the Marquess of Bute on October 7th, 1891, after he had received the freedom of the city—the public opening for the transaction of business being on the 12th. The rooms have been highly appreciated and largely attended, there being about 1,600 daily readers.

During the three years nearly 10,000 volumes have been added; somewhat less than the usual rate of progress, but that is accounted for by the Library being closed. The Committee have to report that the bequest of Councillor Logan has been expended in purchasing a series of works, among them a set of Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society. These, when arranged, will form a suitable memorial of the interest of the worthy donor.

It has always been the agreeable duty of the Committee in reporting their proceedings to express their obligation to those who have presented books, and they again record their

thanks to the donors, whose gifts will be found recorded in an Appendix.

The Committee trust that as the Library is now placed in a suitable building they will continue to receive contributions either of books or of money for the purchase of books. Notwithstanding the considerable extent the Library has attained, there are, and will be for many years, multitudes of books desirable but not possessed; and even though it should be doubled or trebled it will in no way exceed the requirements of the chief consulting Library of such a city as Glasgow.

In this connection, the Committee would suggest to any who may be seeking some means of perpetuating the memory of a relative or friend, that a separate collection of books in the Mitchell Library, to be kept together, and called by such name as they may desire, would form an appropriate and permanent memorial, at once gracious and beneficial in its influence. Such a memorial collection would, with propriety, be composed of books devoted to any department of literature or learning in which the person to be commemorated was interested, or which the donors desired to see more fully represented.

The Committee would also point out the great desirability of preserving in the Library any special collection of books that may be formed in Glasgow to illustrate any particular branch of science or history or philosophy.

In name of the Committee,

ROBERT GRAHAM,
Convener.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE MITCHELL LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully submit my eleventh general Report on the progress of the Library. It covers the years 1889, 1890, 1891, respectively the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth

complete years since the opening of the Library, and includes the removal from the rooms in which the Library was first placed.

The history of the Library during its occupation of the two flats at No. 60 Ingram Street offers many points of interest, and forms a record of a remarkable advance in the face of many and serious disadvantages.

Containing some 14,000 volumes when its doors were first opened to the public on the 5th November, 1877, it possessed over 85,000 when the books were packed for removal in April-May, 1890. In addition to the standard works, which usually go to make up a good public reference collection, it may be said that, for a library so recently formed, it contained an unusually large proportion of books which have become more or less rare. In some departments, especially of Scottish literature, its collections attracted students from considerable distances, and at least one writer travelled from London to consult its stores. Many of those who thus profited took occasion to acknowledge with appreciation the advantage they had derived from their visits to the Mitchell Library.

The number of volumes called for by and issued to readers during the first day was 186; and this was the smallest number ever issued in one day. There was a regular and considerable increase during the first year, the daily average in 1878 being over 600. Early in 1879, however, during the critical and anxious period following the suspension of the City Bank, when large numbers of men were without regular employment, the attendance suddenly sprang up to double that of the previous year, and became far too large for the utmost accommodation it was possible to provide. With slight fluctuations, the number of readers continued to increase, until in 1885 the highest point was reached. In that year 468,056 volumes were delivered to readers, a daily average of 1,525. By this time the insanitary conditions of the place, arising from the almost constant overcrowding, had become notorious. It was rarely possible to read, not to say study, with comfort; and it is little wonder if each following year witnessed a decline.

The whole number of volumes issued in the old premises was 4,679,985. The general character of this vast sum of reading is shown by the following statement of the proportions in the several

classes. In theological and philosophical literature there was (omitting decimal points) 9 per cent. ; in history, biography, voyages, and travels, 20 per cent. ; in social science, including law, commerce, education, etc., 3 per cent. ; in arts and sciences, 20 per cent. ; in poetry and the drama, 6 per cent. ; in books on philology, 3 per cent. ; in prose fiction, 9 per cent. ; in miscellaneous literature, which includes works containing two or more of the foregoing classes, such as encyclopædias, general periodicals and newspapers, collected works, etc., 30 per cent.

In addition to all these books issued on application at the counter, there was, further, the use of the current numbers of a selection of the leading periodical publications of all classes, which, commencing with 120, by degrees, and in consequence of the demand for this form of literature, increased to about 300. These being placed openly on the tables for unrestricted consultation by visitors, their use could not be counted, but so great was the general appreciation of this part of the Library's supply that it was estimated that the references to current periodicals were not much less in number than the volumes of which record was kept.

There was, no doubt, a considerable amount of reading for entertainment or recreation, and inasmuch as the books available in the Library for use in this sense are wholesome and of good influence, there can be no objection reasonably taken to this part of the service of the Library. Occasionally exception has been taken to people getting out books to look at pictures, the reference generally being to the use of the *Illustrated London News*, the *Graphic*, or *Punch*, in bound volumes, which use is included in the "miscellaneous" 30 per cent. before noted. But no good reason is stated why the almost universal taste for pictures should not be gratified ; and the fact remains that many people get a much more vivid conception of an incident or a scene from an engraving than from a page of letterpress, however graphic ; and this education through the eye is often at once direct and effective.

When all deductions on account of "light reading" are made, however, there remains an amount of reading for information, for study, for instruction, of an incalculable extent. Doubtless, the old rooms, with all their drawbacks, will be remembered by many with gratitude, if not with pleasure.

The last general Report issued was for the year 1888. On the 31st December in that year the number of volumes in the Library was 80,603

During 1889, 1890, 1891, there were added—

Books,	7,791
Pamphlets,	2,339
	— 10,130

By Purchase (Mitchell Fund), ...	5,100
By Gift or Bequest, ...	3,679
Added to the Moir Collection, ...	1,351
	— 10,130

In Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History, ...	1,334
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, ...	1,840
Sociology, including Law, Commerce, Education, etc., ...	2,091
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	2,021
Poetry and the Drama, ...	564
Linguistics, ...	179
Prose Fiction, ...	165
Miscellaneous Literature, ...	1,936
	— 10,130

The deductions to be made for the three years are :—

Books worn out,	79
Stolen or mutilated,	17
Duplicates, etc., withdrawn, ...	98
Lost, no clue,	2
	— 196

The net additions thus being	9,934
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And the number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1891 (a),	90,537
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(a) Not including uncatalogued duplicates.

lowing are the classifications of the Library at that

...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70,416	
, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,121	
							————	90,537
(Mitchell Fund) (a),	...	...	...	...	...	...	55,016	
y Gift or Bequest (b),	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,931	
Collection (c),	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,590	
							————	90,537
Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History,	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,747	
iography, Voyages, and Travels,	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,272	
ics, Sociology, Commerce,	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,252	
ices, Natural History,	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,295	
the Drama, including the "Poets' Corner,"							10,726	
, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,340	
on,	...	...	...	...	...	...	924	
ous Literature,	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,981	
							————	90,537

mber of separate works contained in the above volumes

"Poets' Corner," a collection of Scottish poetry, now consisting of 32 volumes, of which 1,071 are editions of, or works of, Robert Burns.

Glasgow Collection there are now 4,643 volumes; and number of books and tracts printed in the city before the year 1800, preserved in the section known as "Early Glasgow Collection" is 1,333.

The Library was removed from its first home in April, 1890, during the reconstruction of the present premises, was temporarily accommodated in the old City Chambers. The Magazine Department is established in the old Council Hall. It is satisfactory that this department of the Library has been kept open without any interruption, and that the public were not deprived for a single hour. A small number of books of reference (such as, calendars, almanacs, etc.,) were kept at hand for

adding volumes received in exchange for duplicates purchased.
adding volumes received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed.

Former Reports, the Moir Collection was included in the number received by gift or bequest.

consultation, and the files of newspapers and other serials were occasionally issued. The use of these is shown in the tables for 1890 and 1891.

The whole of the books were rearranged for the new building, and a new shelf catalogue written, so that, when the alterations were at length finished, and the book-cases could be set up, the removal to Miller Street instantly followed, section by section, and the workmen were not fairly out of the building when the library was again made accessible to the public.

After the formal opening, on the 7th October, 1891, two or three days were required for setting in order the tables and chairs, and other arrangements, but on Monday, the 12th, at 9.30 a.m., the Library again resumed its usual course, and at once presented the familiar spectacle of rooms well-filled with interested readers. From the opening day until 31st December the number of readers was 111,659 (daily average 1,618), and of books issued 95,420 (daily average 1,383). The number of lady readers, though larger than in Ingram Street, is still comparatively small, only 1,946 volumes, being about 2 per cent., having been issued to them. The hours during which the Library is open, 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m., remain unchanged.

Although I am responsible for the main features of the plan for the reconstruction of the building, I may be permitted to say that, as now arranged, it has proved well fitted for the new purposes to which it has been applied. The least satisfactory part is the Magazine Room (104 seats), which is too small for the numbers who read there, but some relief will be found by taking in a portion of the Students' Room, which, so far, has not been much taken advantage of. The large general Reading Hall is much approved as a very pleasant room. The lighting, both natural and artificial, is excellent.

The usual statistical tables follow. The large two-page table shows in detail, year by year, and class by class, the work of the Library since its opening.

I am, GENTLEMEN, very respectfully.

Your obedient Servant,

F. T. BARRETT.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1889.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 300 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	Months.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History.	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama.	Language.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	TOTAL.	Daily Average 1889.	Daily Average 1890.
26	January,	3,488	6,865	1,556	7,037	2,084	809	3,863	11,552	37,254	1,433	1,678
24	February,	2,957	5,939	1,279	6,261	2,075	747	3,155	9,910	32,323	1,347	1,504
26	March,	2,965	5,834	1,395	6,579	1,832	803	3,065	9,773	32,236	1,240	1,330
25	April,	2,158	5,085	1,236	5,623	1,750	649	2,616	8,547	27,664	1,107	1,161
26	May,	2,312	3,791	836	5,553	1,196	571	1,988	6,985	23,282	894	968
25	June,	1,722	3,333	769	4,296	732	537	1,635	5,069	18,093	724	878
26	July,	1,732	3,614	929	4,269	849	460	1,747	5,824	19,494	750	905
27	August,	2,353	4,774	1,392	5,705	1,218	568	2,719	7,550	26,279	973	993
25	September,	2,633	4,801	1,250	6,179	1,132	646	2,616	7,674	26,931	1,077	1,097
26	October,	2,568	5,014	1,241	6,103	1,424	590	2,512	8,406	27,858	1,071	1,124
26	November,	3,167	4,877	1,325	6,007	1,542	648	2,651	9,086	29,303	1,197	1,273
25	December,	2,631	4,364	1,175	5,051	1,393	614	2,386	8,134	25,748	1,030	1,298
307	Total in each Class, 1889,	30,686	58,291	14,383	68,663	17,227	7,642	30,943	98,580	326,415	1,063	1,184
304	Total in each Class, 1888,	33,859	66,153	16,010	72,353	18,938	8,016	36,067	108,478	359,884	.	.
	Class Percentage of {	9.40	17.86	4.40	21.04	5.28	2.34	9.48	30.20	100.00	.	.
	whole Issue, {	1888-9.41	18.38	4.43	20.11	5.26	2.23	10.07	30.14	100.00	.	.
	Daily Average Issue {	100	190	47	223	66	25	101	321	1,063	.	.
	in each Class, {	1888-111	218	53	238	52	26	119	357	1,184	.	.
	Turnover (α),	2.40	3.69	1.23	4.65	1.68	6.28	37.74	6.34	3.94	.	.

(α) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at 30th June.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1890.

(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 300 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	Month	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels	Law, Political Science, Sociology, and Commerce	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	Poetry and the Drama	Linguistics	Prose Fiction	Miscellaneous Literature	TOTAL.	Daily Average 1890	Daily Average 1889.
26	January,	3,224	5,698	1,355	6,046	1,787	691	2,954	10,088	31,843	1,225	1,433
24	February,	2,686	4,766	1,111	5,670	1,500	581	2,389	8,439	27,142	1,151	1,347
25	March,	2,398	4,181	1,165	5,007	1,099	508	2,119	6,836	23,313	953	1,240
	April,	1	130	3	70	...	...	...	1,351	1,555	62	1,107
	May,	1	201	2	70	...	...	...	1,376	1,650	63	894
	June,	5	264	1	104	...	...	...	1,556	1,929	77	724
	July,	5	276	18	124	...	...	...	1,891	2,314	89	760
	August,	9	254	51	131	...	...	...	1,866	2,331	90	973
	September,	15	266	44	107	...	...	...	1,864	2,296	88	1,077
	October,	1	235	36	98	...	...	...	1,826	2,198	84	1,071
	November,	..	225	36	85	...	...	...	2,411	2,757	170	1,127
	December,	..	248	17	112	...	...	...	2,710	3,087	119	1,030
75	Total in each Class, 1890,	8,345	16,744	3,889	17,624	4,386	1,780	7,462	42,233	102,413	1,097	1,063
307	Total in each Class, 1889,	30,686	58,291	14,383	68,663	17,227	7,642	30,943	98,580	326,415		
	Class Percentage of whole Issue, ... }	10.10 189-9.40	17.79 17.86	4.41 4.40	20.32 21.04	5.33 5.28	2.16 2.34	9.07 9.48	30.82 30.20	100.00 100.00		
	Daily Average Issue in each Class, ... }	111 189-100	196 190	43 47	223 92.1	58 56	24 25	100 101	533 321	1,097 1,063		
	Turnover (a), ... }	0.84	0.91	0.30	1.11	0.42	1.43	8.67	1.60	0.97		

(a) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at end of 1889.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1891.
(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 310 Magazines and Periodicals.)

Days Open.	MONTH.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History.	History, Biography, Voyages and Travels.	Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Dramas.	Linguistics.	F prose Fiction.	Mis- cellaneous Literature.	Total.	Daily Average 1891.	Daily Average 1890.
	January,	1	297	19	78	...	...	...	2,950	3,945	129	1,225
	February,	2	286	37	79	...	...	...	2,816	3,220	134	1,131
	March,	10	301	48	207	...	1	...	3,130	3,697	142	933
	April,	18	318	50	189	...	1	...	3,072	3,648	146	62
	May,	10	331	45	240	...	2	...	2,854	3,482	139	63
	June,	7	352	48	214	...	1	...	2,710	3,332	128	77
	July,	7	267	72	155	...	...	...	2,577	3,078	118	89
	August,	10	275	74	207	...	...	...	2,614	3,180	122	90
	September,	14	273	80	305	...	6	...	2,556	3,234	124	88
	October, 1 10,	2	67	11	71	...	...	...	596	747	107	107
18	October, 12 31,	2,085	5,064	1,303	6,934	1,329	604	2,442	6,090	25,851	1,436	84
25	November,	3,189	6,408	1,652	8,479	2,630	760	3,828	8,694	35,640	1,426	110
26	December,	2,841	6,206	1,419	7,656	1,755	687	3,843	9,522	33,929	1,305	119
69	Total in each Class, 1891,	8,196	20,445	4,858	24,814	5,714	2,062	10,113	50,181	126,388	1,383	1,097
	Total in each Class, 1890,	8,345	16,744	3,839	17,624	4,356	1,780	7,462	42,233	102,413		
	Class Percentage of } whole Issue,	8.50 1890 10 10	18.53 17.79	4.58 4.41	24.18 20.32	5.99 5.31	2.15 2.16	10.60 9.07	25.47 30.82	100.00 100.00		
	Daily Average Issue } in each Class.	118 1890 111	256 195	63 48	334 223	83 58	30 24	147 100	352 338	1,383 1,097		
	Turnover (n).. . . .	0.59	1.02	0.33	1.42	0.53	1.53	10.94	1.43	1.01		

(c) Or, number of times the whole of each class, and of the Library, was issued. Calculated upon the number of Volumes in the Library at end of 1891, and number of Volumes issued during October, November, and December, 1891.

STATISTICAL TABLE, showing details of the work of

NOTE.—The 1st line of figures in each Class-group below shows the net number of year; the 3rd, the number issued the 4th, the percentage of issue is

CLASS.		1878*	1879	1880	1881	18
Theology, Philo- sophy, and Ecclesi- astical History, ..	1. Vols. Added,	3,233	1,039	726	774	
	2. Total Vols.,	3,233	4,272	4,998	5,772	
	3. Vols. Issued,	18,528	31,339	34,788	36,978	3
	4. Percentage,	8.60	8.25	8.90	9.16	
	5. Daily Average,	54	102	113	120	
	6. Turnover,	5.88	7.90	7.44	7.23	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	1. Vols. Added,	6,170	667	729	1,467	
	2. Total Vols.,	6,170	6,837	7,566	9,033	5
	3. Vols. Issued,	63,473	92,545	79,395	83,450	71
	4. Percentage,	29.35	24.37	20.32	20.67	1
	5. Daily Average,	185	301	258	272	
	6. Turnover,	10.67	14.39	11.03	10.67	
Law, Political, Soci- ology, and Com- merce,	1. Vols. Added,	1,552	913	391	1,695	
	2. Total Vols.,	1,552	2,465	2,856	4,551	5
	3. Vols. Issued,	3,798	7,456	10,269	12,694	12
	4. Percentage,	1.83	1.96	2.63	3.14	
	5. Daily Average,	12	24	33	41	
	6. Turnover,	3.32	3.56	3.87	4.14	
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History,	1. Vols. Added,	4,461	800	680	1,039	
	2. Total Vols.,	4,461	5,261	5,941	6,980	7
	3. Vols. Issued,	42,856	74,448	75,160	79,406	76
	4. Percentage,	20.17	19.59	19.24	19.67	2
	5. Daily Average,	127	243	244	259	
	6. Turnover,	10.45	16.17	15.55	12.55	1
Poetry and the Drama,	1. Vols. Added,	3,293	421	1,281	789	
	2. Total Vols.,	3,293	3,714	4,995	5,784	6
	3. Vols. Issued,	18,997	29,732	28,195	28,981	22
	4. Percentage,	8.19	7.83	7.22	7.15	
	5. Daily Average,	56	97	92	94	
	6. Turnover,	10.34	8.40	6.08	5.65	
Linguistics,	1. Vols. Added,	500	52	97	33	
	2. Total Vols.,	500	552	649	682	
	3. Vols. Issued,	4,801	8,551	10,969	12,632	11
	4. Percentage,	2.23	2.24	2.81	3.13	
	5. Daily Average,	14	28	36	34	
	6. Turnover,	9.69	16.47	19.31	19.26	1
Prose Fiction,	1. Vols. Added,	5	155	71	64	
	2. Total Vols.,	5	160	231	295	
	3. Vols. Issued,		28,253	40,345	34,589	30
	4. Percentage,		7.46	10.32	8.57	
	5. Daily Average,		157	131	113	
	6. Turnover,		176.53	233.20	140.74	9
Miscellaneous Lit- erature,	1. Vols. Added,	3,853	951	1,062	1,128	1
	2. Total Vols.,	3,853	4,809	5,871	6,999	8
	3. Vols. Issued,	60,831	107,423	111,611	114,983	104
	4. Percentage,	28.51	28.30	23.56	23.48	2
	5. Daily Average,	183	350	362	375	
	6. Turnover,	17.46	24.17	21.06	18.27	1
TOTALS,	1. Vols. Added,	23,072	4,998	5,037	6,989	4
	2. Total Vols.,	23,072	28,070	33,107	40,096	45
	3. Vols. Issued,	213,284	379,748	390,732	403,713	306
	4. Percentage,	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100
	5. Daily Average,	631	1,237	1,269	1,315	1
	6. Turnover,	10.60	14.67	12.71	11.66	

* In this column are included all the books acquired up to the end of 1878, and also the issues of November and December, 1877.

Library since the commencement, 5th November, 1877.

added year by year; the 2nd, the total number in each class at the end of each class; the 5th, the daily average issued in each class; and the 6th, the turnover.

1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	Total.
1,146	660	1,072	1,566	837	571	653	207	411	13,747
7,710	8,370	9,442	11,008	11,845	12,416	13,069	13,336	13,747	13,747
40,107	41,340	42,736	39,115	38,413	33,869	30,686	8,345	8,196	442,320
10.51	9.50	9.13	8.61	9.17	9.41	9.40	10.10	8.50	9.16
131	134	139	127	126	111	100	111	118	114
6.90	6.18	4.67	3.66	3.37	2.81	2.40	0.64	0.59	63.70
623	479	975	1,764	870	825	694	458	674	17,272
10,533	11,012	11,987	13,751	14,621	15,440	16,140	16,608	17,272	17,272
69,967	82,695	86,310	86,037	75,618	66,153	58,291	16,744	20,445	952,551
18.33	19.00	18.44	18.96	18.05	18.38	17.86	17.79	18.53	19.74
229	269	281	280	248	218	190	195	256	246
6.87	7.69	7.39	6.41	6.29	4.30	3.69	0.71	1.02	97.91
737	733	1,339	1,433	1,035	660	804	425	856	13,252
5,967	6,700	8,039	9,472	10,607	11,167	11,501	12,306	13,252	13,252
13,133	15,446	17,865	17,663	16,130	16,010	14,383	3,839	4,858	165,636
3.44	3.55	3.82	3.89	3.85	4.45	4.40	4.41	4.58	3.43
43	50	58	58	52	53	47	48	63	43
2.37	2.47	2.35	1.95	1.61	1.47	1.23	0.30	0.33	34.30
960	831	1,452	1,364	821	927	833	599	578	16,295
1,890	9,721	11,173	12,537	13,358	14,255	15,118	16,717	16,255	16,255
83,233	88,378	94,162	89,180	84,719	72,353	68,063	17,624	24,814	971,091
11.81	10.31	20.12	19.64	20.23	20.11	21.04	20.32	24.18	20.12
272	287	307	291	276	238	223	223	334	251
9.91	9.53	9.19	7.41	6.53	5.22	4.65	1.11	1.42	118.76
1,938	265	359	691	240	542	253	160	148	10,726
8,068	8,333	8,692	9,383	9,623	10,165	10,418	10,678	10,726	10,726
28,007	30,091	27,095	25,408	24,949	18,938	17,227	4,386	5,714	310,851
7.50	6.92	5.79	6.60	6.96	5.20	5.28	5.33	5.39	6.44
93	98	88	83	81	62	56	58	83	80
4.52	3.66	3.17	2.75	2.61	1.89	1.68	0.42	0.53	55.44
130	35	104	90	38	52	80	58	39	1,340
844	879	983	1,073	1,111	1,163	1,243	1,301	1,340	1,340
10,811	10,897	10,930	11,778	9,416	8,016	7,642	1,780	2,062	121,483
2.83	2.60	3.33	2.59	2.25	2.23	2.34	2.16	2.16	2.52
35	35	36	38	31	26	25	24	30	31
14.57	12.66	11.68	11.22	8.57	7.63	6.28	1.43	1.53	155.68
62	39	85	90	54	78	79	32	31	924
426	475	560	650	704	782	861	833	924	924
28,216	40,688	41,844	41,557	35,837	36,067	30,943	7,462	10,113	411,470
8.71	9.36	8.94	9.15	8.66	10.02	9.48	9.07	10.00	8.53
109	132	137	135	117	119	101	100	147	106
83.06	88.26	75.94	65.34	60.47	47.33	37.74	8.67	10.94	1,128.19
961	872	1,500	1,523	1,033	1,117	666	629	607	16,981
9,134	10,006	11,606	13,029	14,062	15,179	15,845	16,374	16,981	16,981
108,644	125,607	147,124	148,355	133,726	108,478	98,580	42,233	50,181	1,451,081
28.87	28.87	31.43	31.57	31.93	30.14	30.20	30.82	25.47	30.00
335		479	467	436	357	321	338	352	375
11.33	13.27	13.25	11.68	9.69	7.31	6.34	1.60	1.43	171.54
4,587	3,914	5,886	8,521	4,928	4,772	4,062	2,528	3,344	90,337
41,532	55,496	62,382	70,903	75,831	80,603	84,665	87,193	90,537	90,537
11,607	426,142	468,056	454,073	418,808	359,984	326,415	102,413	126,383	4,828,483
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
1.247	1.413	1.525	1.479	1.364	1.184	1.063	1.007	1.383	1.246
8.12	8.17	7.82	6.62	5.67	4.57	3.94	0.97	1.01	104.93

CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee, may from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877.

ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

J. D. MARWICK,
Town-Clerk.

OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING.

ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, REPRINTED FROM "THE GLASGOW HERALD" OF 8TH OCTOBER, 1891.

The new premises of the Mitchell Library in Miller Street were formally opened by the Marquess of Bute yesterday. The ceremony took place in the large hall on the ground floor. The company of ladies and gentlemen who had been invited to be present began to arrive about one o'clock, and the hall rapidly filled. Besides the members of the Town Council and Corporation officials, there were also present—Principal Caird, Archbishop Eyre, Sir William Thomson, Sir James King, Bart.; Sir Charles Dalrymple, Sir Michael Connal, Professor Dickson, Principal Douglas, Mr. Parker Smith, M.P.; Mr. J. Wilson, M.P.; Rev. Dr. F. L. Robertson, Rev. Canon Carmichael, Rev. Dr. Gordon, Mr. H. A. Long, Mr. William Mitchell, Professor Dyer, Mr. F. Gibb Dougall, Mr. David Fortune, Dr. Sutherland, Mr. Wylie Guild, Mr. W. R. W. Smith, etc.

The LORD PROVOST, who presided, said—The occasion which has brought us together to-day is one of the most important in the history of libraries in Glasgow. We have met to celebrate the re-opening of the principal public library of the city in the new home which has been prepared for it, and we trust that the usefulness and popularity which distinguished it in the rooms formerly occupied in Ingram Street will attend it in an even greater degree in this more central and more suitable building. (Applause.) The Mitchell Library was established by the wise and far-seeing benevolence of the late Mr. Stephen Mitchell, a manufacturer and merchant in Glasgow. Mr. Mitchell died at an advanced age in 1874, and the bequest, amounting to £67,000, was intimated to and accepted by the Town Council in the same year. The intention conveyed in Mr. Mitchell's trust disposition and settlement was that the bequest should form the nucleus of a fund for the establishment and endowment of a large public library in Glasgow, and that such library should be accessible to the public for reference and consultation. The library was opened by Lord Provost Sir James Bain on 1st November, 1877, in temporary rooms in Ingram Street, provided by the liberality of Bailie Neil. It then contained 14,000 volumes. The result of the opening of the library was at once to demonstrate the reality of the need which existed in Glasgow for such an institution. The attendance of readers, moderate at first, rapidly increased, and before two years had elapsed had overtaken the accommodation which it was possible to provide. At the same time the library itself rapidly increased by purchases made, and by the receipt of large and valuable donations of books and of money

for the purchase of books. Among the donors, not to speak of persons still with us, I may mention the names of Bailie Moir, Councillor Logan (both at one time members of the Library Committee), Mr. Richard Chalmers, and Mr. Alexander Gardyne. The Senate of the University also made a large and valuable donation from the duplicate works in the University Library. I would suggest to the Library Committee that they might, with propriety, inscribe in letters of gold, in some suitable position within the library, the names of these and other benefactors, so that their gifts may be kept in honoured remembrance. (Applause.) The two great essential factors of successful library work are—First, the acquisition of valuable and standard works in large numbers; and, second, the use made by the public of the books so collected. It is believed that in both respects the Mitchell Library during the first stage of its existence has made larger progress than any other reference library in the kingdom in the corresponding period. (Applause.) The library now contains 89,000 volumes; and the number of volumes issued to readers amounts to the very large total of 4,680,000. (Applause.) And it is not in large numbers only that this satisfactory position exists, for among the 89,000 volumes a very large proportion are books of great value, interest, and rarity; while in the reading less than ten per cent. has been in works of fiction—the larger issues being in history and biography, and in science and art. It is thus shown that the library has abundantly fulfilled the intention of its founder, and there will be general satisfaction at seeing it more worthily housed. (Applause.) But while the opening of this new library building is a legitimate subject for congratulation, it is well to remember that in library, as well as in some other matters, we have not in Glasgow yet arrived at the stage at which it would become us to rest and be thankful. In addition to the Mitchell Library, we have that now venerable Glasgow institution, Stirling's Library, which this year celebrates its centenary, and to which we wish all prosperity, and a renewal of youthful vigour in its age; and we have the more recent excellent library, established under the name of Baillie's Institution. By the possession of these three institutions Glasgow is now as well provided as most cities with central reference libraries. Ladies and gentlemen, the Marquess of Bute has most kindly acceded to our request that he would re-open this library. (Applause.) I have to-day, in St. Andrew's Hall, had occasion to refer to the estimation in which the noble Marquess is held, to the great place in the nation which he so worthily fills, and to his princely gift to our University. (Applause.) Here we think of him as the accomplished scholar and the lover of books. Himself the happy possessor of a library at once choice and extensive, he has always felt the liveliest sympathy with books and all matters connected therewith. His own contributions to literature are important and valuable. In that spirit of large liberality which distinguishes him, he has printed, for presentation to learned societies, works of high value and great cost. (Applause.) We think ourselves fortunate in having our principal library re-opened by a nobleman of such character and such tastes—(applause)—

and we trust he may be long spared to occupy the elevated position he so honourably fills, and to devote himself to the accomplishment of the like good works in the future which have distinguished him in the past. (Applause.) I have now the honour and the pleasure of requesting our youngest burgess to perform the duty he has so kindly undertaken at our request.

The MARQUESS OF BUTE, who was received with cheers, said—If my memory does not fail me, it is Lord Bacon who mentions somewhere that, while travelling in Italy, he came to some University town where he found a gentleman who announced himself as prepared to dispute in public *de omni scibili et de quolibet ente*, upon everything which is knowable and upon anything which exists. The story is worth completing, if only for the philological interest attaching to the form of the question in English law with which Lord Bacon prostrated him, viz.—whether beasts of burden taken in withernam are capable of being replevied, or, as he courteously expressed it for the greater convenience of his opponent in the legal Latin of his native tribunals—*utrum averia caruscae in vetito namio capta sint irreplegiabilia*. But, in truth, the invitation to deliver an address of the sort which you have been so good as to ask me to give here to-day reminds one only too forcibly of the position which the unhappy disputant in question had sought to occupy, and the speaker must owe it to his own exertions if he does not fall into it. Yet generalities are demanded by the very nature of the case. You say practically “Speak upon whatever you like;” but if I were to say “Quite so; I have selected such and such a subject”—say the laws of Greek accentuation—(laughter)—or the records of meteorological observation in the Antarctic Ocean—(laughter)—and proceeded accordingly, you would not be pleased. (Laughter.) The whole field of literature lies open, but, to borrow another image from English law, one’s rights to deal with it are like those of a commoner over a common. They are an indivisible moiety. One can do what one likes with it, but one cannot take hold of a single blade of grass, and say, “This is mine.”

In the lives of Patrick and some others of the early Celtic missionaries we sometimes meet with the expression, “He went to such and such a place, and left an alphabet there.” It has been conjectured with, as seems to me, overwhelming probability, that this phrase refers to the ceremony of writing the alphabet upon the floor of a church at the time of its dedication, as being the material basis of the written Word, and consequently of all that is built upon it. The idea is quaint, but when one comes to realise its meaning, it ceases to be senseless and is seen to be striking. Needless to remark, that as writing is the material basis of the Divine Word written, so is it also the basis of all other words written. When one comes to examine the subject of the genesis of writing and of the evolution of the alphabet, one is confronted by such vistas of learning or investigation, not only archæological, but physiological and even psychical, that I confess that I have always felt deterred from entering upon it. But

however ignorantly we may gaze upon this subject, at once so familiar and so profound, the extraordinary fact remains before us, as one of the most truly amazing developments of the human mind, that a set of voiceless marks are eloquent with sound, a conglomeration of meaningless and senseless strokes are the expression and the vehicle of thought. (Applause.) To one who had never heard of it before, I presume that such a statement would appear simply an impossible paradox. As a matter of fact, I conceive that learning to read is one of the greatest of mental efforts: in large part because it has to be done, at least as our letters, and, indeed, one may say, all others, now are, by brute force of memory, unguided by the reason. Vast numbers of people never can learn to spell during the whole of their lives—(laughter)—as is, I believe, very well known to those who have to do with examinations, and certainly is so to those who, like myself, have a large begging correspondence. (Hear, hear, laughter, and applause.) A Spanish friend of mine who had had a considerable experience of different nations once told me he thought that the English-speaking races were more particular about spelling than any others, because, as he said, their spelling was more difficult than any other. I doubt his fact. I have had French begging letters which it was only possible to understand by reading them aloud. (Laughter.) As I have touched this subject, perhaps I may be permitted to say parenthetically that I think that any attempt at this time of day to alter our spelling upon the principle of substituting phonetics for etymology as its basis would be a most fatal blunder. (Hear, hear, and applause.) While we should render all the literature hitherto composed in our language illegible to all but a few painstaking antiquaries—(hear, hear)—we should really have no standard by which to go in the future. I should certainly greatly object to being made to say that “the jew upon the grass was a phenomenon of nachur;” but I have seen the latter, and I believe the former also, of these two horrors in a dictionary. I have been told that in Spanish South America they have been trying something of the sort; and I understand that one feature of it is to leave out all the h’s because they never pronounce them. (Laughter.) Just conceive rules drawn up in London on similar principles. (Renewed laughter.) No, if people find irksome the discrepancy between the written and the spoken language, the simplest measure would be to reform their pronunciation. It is the pronunciation, and not the spelling, which is corrupt. There are some people who would like to spell *plough*, “plow.” There would be much more sense in pronouncing it *plooch*, as our peasants still do, and which is the correct sound, as the spelling itself attests. (Applause.)

Probably, as I have already said, as the art of reading and writing is one of the most remarkable discoveries of the human mind, its acquirement is one of the greatest of mental efforts. We learn to read, as a rule, while the mind is in an exceedingly ductile condition, and, moreover, at an age so early that we hardly realised at the time, and have since forgotten, the effort which it cost us. Some idea of the magnitude of this effort is formed by anyone who in maturer years takes up the study of some language, such as Arabic,

which necessitates the learning of a new alphabet. Probably most people would regard it as one of the very hardest parts of the whole task, and yet languages, as Mr. Crummles said of the theatrical parts, help each other so much. I came the other day upon a curious historical illustration of what I have been saying. I was going to Bayreuth for a fortnight—it was not enough, but it was all I could allow myself this year—of the Wagner Festival, and I broke the journey at Aix-la-Chapelle, in order to see the existing monuments of one of the greatest patrons whom learning and literature ever had, of a man who offered a singularly fine type of the great German race from which he sprang and which he represented—one whose greatness mankind seemed to have conspired to write, as it were, upon the very heavens themselves, by calling the Great Bear “Charles’s Wain,” but whose very name is so identified with greatness that it seems almost a kind of affectation to call him by any name other than that of Charlemagne. (Applause.) Still surrounded, after the lapse of more than a thousand years, by the lasting admiration of mankind, what of him died rests beneath the walls of the church which he built and in which he was used to worship during life. I gazed upon the gilded coffin of bronze and silver, set with precious stones, given by one of the greatest of his successors, Frederick II., but whereof the material and artistic splendour, as well as the profound interest attaching to its donor, seem to be eclipsed by the thought of what it contains. When I came home again I read Eginhard. Eginhard says, “Karl also tried to write, and used to keep his tablets and writing-book under the pillow of his couch, that when he had leisure he might practise his hand in forming letters, but he made little progress in a task too long deferred, and begun too late in life.” Now, that was a man who, besides all his superb political and administrative powers, his military genius, and his artistic tastes, was fairly familiar with Latin, must have known a great deal of Greek, since it is remarked that he could understand it better than he could speak it, who studied grammar, rhetoric, and logic, and took especial interest in astronomy and astronomical calculations. He even began to compose a German grammar—a labour which he seems never to have completed, whether from the comparative shortness of life or from the inherent difficulties of the task I must leave to the speculations of those whose efforts in that direction have been more successful than mine. (Laughter and applause.) No doubt, the case of Charlemagne might be cited, like those of the extraordinary powers of memory possessed by savages, to show how much may be done in a state of illiteracy, and not improbably these powers are weakened in ourselves both individually and racially by constant dependence upon books. Charlemagne was not independent of them, albeit dependent at second hand; even “while he was dining he listened to music or reading; history and the deeds of men of old used to be read.” He derived much pleasure from the works of St. Augustine, and few have ever attested by their acts a more ardent conviction of the benefits of literature and its practical necessity for the

pursuit of any science; indeed, I may say, of almost any intellectual recreation.

Of course, one of the things which is most prominent in my mind at present is the recent meeting of the British Association at Cardiff—(applause)—with which, on account of my official position, I was brought a good deal into contact. Things belonging to nearly every possible subject of human knowledge were unrolled as in a panorama. Human knowledge is exceedingly limited. Of course I am not speaking here of theology, which has been called the Queen of Sciences, and of the highest form of which we may say, in the words of St. Augustine, that it stretches out into the hereafter, and in eternity finds no end. Of this he truly says that it rises above the earth. I speak of the things which, to use another expression of his, walk upon the earth. Perhaps I should say better, which are of the earth, earthy. I need only cite the words with which Mr. Huggins closed that truly magnificent presidential address upon the progress of astronomical science, especially by spectroscopic research, an address whose mingled brilliance and profundity seemed almost like a reflection from the splendour of its subject. (Applause.) “Since the time of Newton,” he said, “our knowledge of the phenomena of nature has wonderfully increased, but man asks, perhaps more earnestly now than in his days, what is the ultimate reality behind the reality of the perceptions? Are they only the pebbles of the beach, with which we have been playing? Does not the ocean of ultimate reality and truth lie beyond?” (Applause.) But restricted as is the limit of these little islands, what at anyrate seem to us to be islands in the shoreless ocean of the real, and which we call sciences, that narrow archipelago is a great deal vaster than any one man’s possible sphere of investigation. It is indeed remarkable what an amount of knowledge it is possible for some individual minds to contain—Mr. Gladstone’s for instance (applause)—but it is only remarkable from the comparative point of view, although it certainly awakens a joyful thought of the possibilities for all in a higher state of being. As things are now, the constantly increasing accumulation by means of books of the result of the thought and research of ages is ever putting the acquisition of anything like encyclopædic knowledge further and further away from the possibility of the individual. Even special fields are beginning necessarily to be broken up into separate spheres, of which it may almost be said, by a sort of mathematical paradox, that the parts are now greater than the whole used to be. (Applause.) Nobody now-a-days would think of attempting, like Sir Walter Raleigh, to write a history of the world. Even histories such as Lingard’s may be said to be now beyond reach as works of original research. Where they are attempted, they can only be pieces of book-making, often very meritorious pieces of book-making no doubt, but still pieces of book-making for the use of schools. Similarly with medical science. If anything serious presents itself you always hear of a specialist being called in, and the specialists will not touch, if they can help it, each other’s spheres of study and of work. A witty professor, a very learned man, whose acquaintance I had the honour of

making at the Cardiff meeting, amused me very much by saying to me one day, "After all we shall have to go back to Section H, for there you can at least pretend that you understand what the people are talking about"—(laughter)—but in truth he was only in the same position, which was that, in varying degrees and *mutatis mutandis*, of everybody else. There was nobody there—there could not have been anybody—who would have understood everything that went on in all the sections, ranging as they did around the cycle of human study, until in the mathematical and physical section there was flashed before us the almost dazzling hope that it is not improbable that psychical science, by observation and experiment, may be beginning to awake to consciousness upon the borders of what has been called—perhaps rightly called—another world. In fact, the more learned a man is the more does he realise his own ignorance. True knowledge consists quite as much, if not more, in knowing what the things are which you do not, and cannot, know as in knowing anything that you do know. (Applause.) But if the stretch of our imperfect knowledge is thus beyond the sphere of any individual capacity, how is it restricted again by the scanty limits of human life, and this not only in the sphere of acquiring, but also of communicating. I have the honour of being slightly acquainted with a certain very learned man who has lived a great many years and who has written very little. Doubtless the training and expansion of his mind will go with him, and stand him in good stead amid those other conditions, to us now practically inconceivable, in which before very many more years can have passed away he will be born. But with those who remain, or who are to come after, the thing will be different. He has written very little, and his friends are fain to apply to him with a sigh that melancholy phrase which is uttered so often that it has become conventional, "His knowledge will die with him." He has written very little. If he had written all that he has thought out and searched out, his fellow-men would not have had to suffer all the loss which awaits them. And here is the use of libraries. These voiceless marks upon paper are eloquent with sound. These senseless strokes are the utterance of thought; these silent teachers open every region to which our possible knowledge extends, and not only are they able in their own way to annihilate space, but, so far as they are able to triumph over time, they are able also to baffle the malignity of death. (Applause.) Horace, in one of the best known of those graver passages which ennoble the works of the elegant and good-tempered voluptuary, says that he knows he has raised to himself a monument which would endure when bronze should have perished, a monument against which no storm could beat, and which time's corroding power would be impotent to destroy. (Applause.) He cannot have written that except with an emotion of vanity. But the history of mankind hitherto has proved that he was right. These, I venture to think, are to human ambition, because the most lasting, the highest monuments; and I think it at least very discutable if they be not also the highest, because the most lasting, monuments of human usefulness. The younger Pliny, at the beginning of that stilted letter which it is

necessary to read in order to gather at first hand the original account of the eruption which destroyed Pompeii—the younger Pliny, I say, indulges in some rounded sentences upon the subject of those who make history, and of those who write it, and of those few who do both. As concerns the separate classes there can, I think, be little doubt which are the greater. There must be very few people who would not rather have been Darwin than Palmerston. It has been and is the wish of those who are responsible for this library to offer in it to the citizens of Glasgow a store-house of written knowledge and written work as wide and diverse as possible, in order to meet the natural bent of diverse minds. For me now to go through a sort of catalogue of such objects and of such tastes would be useless and wearisome. It is matter of rejoicing that those in authority are seeking to make this collection as perfect as may be in things national. The study of things Scottish, at least as regards anything within the domain of history, is beset, mainly through the comparative scantiness, not only of hand-books but also of original matter, with a greater amount of difficulty than surrounds many other spheres of investigation ; and here I venture to offer a piece of advice which I have offered elsewhere before—viz., to verify references—(applause)—and, above all, to read, by preference, original matter. (Applause.) The difference between original matter and later historians, indeed, in a way, any historians and any other reviewers of other men's work, is much the same as that between a witness and an advocate. And if I may continue the figure, and suppose the reader to be the juryman, it needs no saying from which he is likely to derive the most unbiassed impression of the facts. (Applause.) These are the witnesses who testify in books, and they are but one part of the great number of all those who, as Horace predicted of himself, have not altogether died, but who in their works, ennobling and gladdening their fellows, still live in the life of humanity, and being dead yet speak. (Applause.) I take the advantage of quoting from a popular English writer not very long dead a passage upon the power and the usefulness of books. She aspired to a heaven of literary immortality, a heaven much smaller than the Heaven for which we hope when the divine test of a knowledge not partial but absolute shall have been applied to the thoughts and acts of all men. It is a conception only of those things which walk upon the earth, and therefore it expresses, albeit in words far better than any which I could have put together, what I mean to say here and now of those who are absent to our sight, but present in their works. It was her ambition to

“ Be to other souls
 The cup of strength in some great agony,
 Enkindle generous ardour, feed pure love,
 Beget the smiles that have no cruelty—
 Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,
 And in diffusion evermore intense.”

To open to all his fellow-citizens the world which could be this was the object of him who founded this library called by his name ; that his object

may be realised is the wish with which it is here re-opened to-day. (Loud applause.)

Bailie COLQUHOUN said he had been asked by the Libraries Committee to perform the pleasing task of asking the meeting to give a very hearty vote of thanks to the noble Marquess for his kindness and courtesy in coming there that day to open the library, and for the very thoughtful and instructive address which he had just delivered. (Applause.) He did not know that it would be necessary under such circumstances to give a reason why they asked the noble Marquess to come and open the library, because the proceedings that had already taken place that day had been themselves an ample justification of their choice. (Applause.) The Town Council was so satisfied that he was worthy to open the library, and so deserving in other respects of the recognition of the great city of Glasgow, that it had conferred upon him the freedom of the city and made him a burgess and guild brother of Greater Glasgow. (Applause.) In the speech which they had just heard, the noble Marquess had further vindicated his claim or title to open the library by showing them what a scholarly mind he possessed—(applause)—and how deeply he had thought out the questions which were bound up with the existence of such libraries. (Applause.) He did not, therefore, intend to go further into the matter, but perhaps, before sitting down, they would excuse him if for a moment he directed the attention of the people of Glasgow to the great importance of further fostering that library. In these times when from all quarters cries were heard for more education, when a University Commission was sitting to formulate ordinances for the improvement of education in our colleges, when the Government was being urged to grant large sums for secondary education, and when we had just received the boon of free education in the first six standards, surely it behoved the people of Glasgow to do something for the support of a great public library, without the assistance derived from which, the primary schools, the secondary schools, and the University itself will be hampered in their work. (Applause.) The citizens had on more than one occasion had the opportunity of adopting the Free Libraries Act, but they had hitherto returned a negative response. He thought, however, that now that the library had been re-opened, and when the citizens had had an opportunity of more closely examining the treasures with which it was stored, they would see it to be the bounden duty of the city to do what it possibly could to put the finances of the library on such a footing that it would in the future be of even greater service to the public than it had been in the past. (Applause.) He would like to see the citizens of Glasgow realise the importance of such an institution, and expressed the hope that when they had next an opportunity of adopting the Libraries Act they would give an answer which would enable the Town Council to go forward with the establishment, not only of a large central library such as the Mitchell, but of district libraries, which would be open to the citizens in the various outlying localities. (Applause.) It was all very well for them in the past to have benefited by the gifts of the late Mr. Mitchell, Bailie Moir, and

Mr. Logan. He thoroughly appreciated the gifts they had received in that way, and had not the slightest doubt that public-spirited citizens of Glasgow would continue to shower gifts of that kind upon the library, but he thought their independence called for the people of Glasgow putting their hands in their own pockets to support such excellent institutions as a great central and district-lending libraries. He appealed to the citizens to adopt the Libraries Act at the earliest opportunity, and make the library independent of voluntary contributions. (Applause.)

The motion was cordially agreed to.

The MARQUESS OF BUTE, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said—I can only thank you for the very kind way you have received me, and assure you of the pleasure it has been to me to render to you any little service which might have been in my power. (Applause.)

Bailie GRAHAM asked the meeting to give a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Provost for presiding. He announced that the library would be open for public use on Monday first, and it was hoped there would be a great increase in the number of readers. He mentioned that a room would be specially set apart for students, and also another for ladies. (Applause.)

The vote of thanks was agreed to, and the Lord Provost having briefly acknowledged it, the proceedings terminated.

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Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	112	14	9
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Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	375	10	0
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	116	12	6
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	95	4	6
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	82	11	11
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	61	17	2
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	120	0	0
						£2,591	14	2
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1889,						64,472	1	10
						£67,063	16	0

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Books,	-	-	-	-	-	£11,653	14	11
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	2,010	1	4
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	1,629	6	1
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	1,364	8	3
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	12,306	15	0
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	4,433	3	4
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	1,651	5	11
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	980	16	5
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Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	1,138	14	11
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	2,573	13	4
						£42,544	19	6

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Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£218	15	11
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	7	6
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	10	0
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	19	10
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,038	19	10
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	192	18	5
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	17	3
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	2	10
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	4	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	11	9
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	-	325	1	8
New Premises in Miller Street,	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,327	13	5
							£18,761	2	8
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1890,							47,339	5	3
							£66,100	7	11

Payments from Commencement in 1874 to 30th Nov., 1890.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£11,872	10	10
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,208	8	10
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,758	16	1
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400	8	1
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,345	14	10
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,626	1	9
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,755	3	2
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,031	19	3
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,821	4	3
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,259	6	8
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,898	15	0
New Premises, Miller Street,	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,327	13	5
							£61,306	2	2

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Interest received during 1891, <i>net</i> ,	-	-	-	1,349	11	5
Sum voted by Town Council from surplus revenue of the Gas Department,	-	-	-	2,000	0	0
				£50,688	16	8

Payments from 1st Dec., 1890, to 30th Nov., 1891.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	£453	6	6
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	195	6	11
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	146	6	1
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	96	10	0
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	1,095	19	11
Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	6
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	150	8	3
Insurance, <i>net</i> ,	-	-	-	-	-	23	5	10
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	2,886	7	8
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	81	8	4
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	137	5	0
New Premises in Miller Street,	-	-	-	-	-	2,483	11	6
						£7,765	1	6
Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1891,						42,923	15	2
						£50,688	16	8

Payments from Commencement in 1874 to 30th Nov., 1891.

Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£12,325	17	4
Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference),	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,403	15	9
Binding and Repairing Books,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,905	2	2
Printing and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,496	18	1
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,441	14	9
Rent and Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,641	7	3
Coal, Gas, and Water,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,905	11	5
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,055	5	1
Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,707	11	11
Incidental and Petty Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,340	15	0
Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,036	0	0
New Premises, Miller Street,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,811	4	11
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1874-91.

COMMITTEES ON LIBRARIES.

1892-93.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor COLQUHOUN, LL.D.
Bailie GRAHAM.	Councillor JAMES DICK.
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Bailie PRIMROSE.	Councillor GRAY.
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Councillor BATTERSBY.	Councillor D. M. STEVENSON.

Bailie GRAHAM, *Convener*.

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1893-94.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor CUTHBERT.
Bailie BILSLAND.	Councillor JAMES DICK.
Bailie PRIMROSE.	Councillor FERGUSON.
Dean of Guild JAMES REID.	Councillor WM. FIFE.
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1894-95.

The LORD PROVOST.	Councillor COLQUHOUN, LL.D.
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Bailie DICK.	Councillor FERGUSON.
Dean of Guild HUGH BROWN.	Councillor WM. FIFE.
Treasurer GRAY.	Councillor FINLAY.
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Councillor BILSLAND.	Councillor D. M. STEVENSON.

Councillor GRAHAM, *Convener*.

Councillor COLQUHOUN, LL.D., *Sub-Convener*.

Sub-Committee of Visitors.

The Members of Committee in rotation.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian: FRANCIS THORNTON BARRETT.

Sub-Librarian: JOHN INGRAM.

Senior Assistant: ROBERT ADAMS.

Assistants: JAMES C. EWING, WALTER S. C. RAE, JOHN KEITH, WILLIAM MCGILL, EVELYN J. FOOT., ROBERT STEVENSON, ROBERT H. JACK, G. GORDON INGRAM, ROBERT ROBERTSON, ROBERT BAIN, ETC.

Janitor: JOHN WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

Assistant: MALCOLM WILLIS.

REPORT
BY
THE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
TO
THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.
1892-1893-1894.

In submitting the Twelfth General Report, the Library Committee feel much gratification in recording the satisfactory progress of the Library, and the continued popular appreciation by which it has been attended since its removal to its new home in Miller Street. The issue of books in 1892, the first complete year in the new premises, was but little below that of 1885, till then the highest recorded; but in 1893 fully 30,000, and last year, 1894, 50,000, more than in 1885 were issued, and the highest point since the opening of the Library reached. The attendance of readers has increased in a still larger ratio than the issue of books, as the increased supply of periodicals attracts a larger proportion to the Magazine Room. Full details as to the number of readers and of books read will be found in the Librarian's Report, which follows.

To ensure greater security against fire, a system of water pipes and sprinklers was, at the suggestion of Councillor Sinclair, erected over the roofs, so that in the event of fire in any neighbouring property a copious flush of water would extinguish any embers that might fall on the Library building.

As in the old premises, so in the new, the Committee have had to give much attention to the question of ventilation. In the main reading hall there is usually not much cause for complaint, but the ventilation of the Magazine Room is deficient. To remedy this an electric fan has been fitted up, and is now on trial, the makers having undertaken to remove it should the results prove unsatisfactory.

The Committee have to report that the Library continues to increase rapidly. In the three years since the issue of the last Report more than 20,000 volumes and pamphlets have been added, and the total number now exceeds 112,000.

Three years ago the Committee pointed out the desirability of preserving in the Library such special collections of books as may be formed in Glasgow to illustrate any particular branch of science, or history, or philosophy. They have now pleasure in reporting that since then three such collections have been added:—(1) A large collection of the publications of foreign scientific societies, presented by the Natural History Society of Glasgow on conditions agreed upon, and approved by the Town Council. (2) A similar, though smaller collection, containing different works, presented on like conditions by the Glasgow Geological Society. (3) The extensive and valuable theological, biblical, and philological library of the late Rev. Principal Morison, D.D., the collection of a long life by a distinguished scholar, acquired by purchase.

As in all previous Reports, the Committee have the pleasing and welcome duty of acknowledging many and valuable donations. For these the thanks of the Committee and of the Town Council have already been tendered; but the Committee desire to refer especially to—

The gift by the Hon. the Lord Provost (James Bell, Esq.) of a handsomely bound copy of the important, beautiful, and costly work on the Cathedral of St. Mark at Venice, published by Signor Ongania.

A marble bust (by G. E. Ewing) of the late Preceptor Wilson, who for so many years was associated with the work of the Library, and who acted as Convener from 1878 to 1886; presented by Mrs. Wilson.

Publications issued on the order of the Trustees of the British Museum, presented by the Trustees.

Medals struck by order of the Corporation of the City of London, and several volumes printed at their expense, presented by that Corporation.

As the Committee's previous Reports have contained very little of a personal nature referring to the Founder of the Library, it gives them much pleasure to be permitted to print, in an

abridged form, a notice of Mr. Stephen Mitchell, written by Mr. Samuel Neil, a well-known man of letters, formerly Rector of Moffat Academy, which appeared in *The Guide* for November, 1894.

The Committee was approached by the Council of the Exhibition of Old Glasgow, held under the auspices of the Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts in 1894, with a request that they would contribute to the Exhibition; and in view of the interest of the occasion, and with due safeguards, they felt warranted in lending a number of books, periodicals, and pictures. These were all duly returned at the close of the Exhibition, with the thanks of the promoters.

It is pleasing to intimate that bequests have been made to the Library by two gentlemen who in former years were regular readers within its walls. The amounts have not yet been paid over, but it is understood that the estate of the late Mr. Louis Edward Campbell will realise about £4,000, and that of the late Mr. Donald McPherson nearly £500.

The Committee desire to express their sincere sense of obligation to the Town Council for the continued grant of £2,000 a year from the moneys received from Government under the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, Scotland, 1890. The financial position of the Library has necessarily engaged the serious consideration of the Committee; but as the whole subject has been remitted to a Sub-Committee for consideration and report, they feel that it would be out of place here to do more than to express their strong feeling that, if the Library is to be enabled to meet in any degree the reading requirements of the growing population of the city, it is of the utmost importance that its finances be speedily placed upon a permanent and sufficient basis.

In name of the Committee,

ROBERT GRAHAM,
Convener.

27th March, 1895.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

In continuation of previous Reports, I beg respectfully to submit for your consideration the following, being the Twelfth General Report which I have prepared. It deals with the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth of the Library's existence as an institution in active operation.

In its general features, the history of the Library during the last three years has been of the same character as in previous years. The period has been marked by considerable additions to the collection of books, and by a very large and constant use made of it by the public.

The issue of books to readers, which had diminished during the later years of the Library's occupancy of the rooms in Ingram Street, immediately revived in the better conditions prevailing in the new building in Miller Street. In 1892 it amounted to 448,016 volumes, a number larger than in any previous year except 1885 and 1886. In 1893 it reached 497,738. In 1894, for the first time, the number exceeded half-a-million, the total being 519,196, a daily average throughout the year of 1,731 volumes. This total would have been some 12,000 more, had it not been necessary to close the Library eight days in March to permit the renewal of the decayed floor of the main reading hall. Including the reading of the periodicals in the Magazine Room, the total use of the Library was considerably over a million.

While there is a considerable increase in the issue in every class, this increase is in varying proportions; and in consequence, although the general character of the reading is very similar to that of previous years, some slight changes are observed which it may be interesting to note. The classes which show a smaller proportion to the whole issue than formerly are,—Theology, Philosophy, etc.; History, Biography, etc.; Poetry and the Drama; Linguistics; and Miscellaneous Literature. The following classes have gained,—Sociology, including Law, Politics, Commerce, etc.; Arts and

Sciences; Fiction. The increase in the proportion of Fiction is due to the fact that, since the removal to Miller Street, a number of girls and young women employed in the neighbouring warehouses come into the Library for a portion of their dinner hour, and that for the most part they spend the brief interval in their labour in the enjoyment of a novel. The percentage of Fiction in the total issue is 9·22; in the reading in the Ladies' Room it is 33. The smaller proportion of Miscellaneous Literature issued is probably the result of the wearing out of the duplicate sets of the illustrated weeklies which were kept at the counter for ordinary use; and the diminution of this class will no doubt disappear when these sets are replaced.

The Magazine Room continues to be an exceedingly popular department of the Library. Very shortly after the removal to Miller Street, it was found that the number of seats provided (104) was inadequate to the demand; and as the adjoining Students' Room was not fully occupied, a portion of it was added to the Magazine Room, increasing the accommodation to 140 seats. Even with this addition the room is frequently too small for those who desire to take advantage of it. The number of periodicals placed during currency on the tables and rack in the room is now 360. There are, in addition, 13 in the Ladies' Room, and 19 (principally the illustrated magazines devoted to art) which are issued only on application at the counter. A sufficient indication of the appreciation of this supply is found in the fact that more than half the visitors to the Library (taken day by day) confine their attention to the periodicals, so that, while the demand for books has so largely increased, the use made of the current serials has grown in an even larger ratio. It is found from careful observation that for every thousand volumes issued the number of visitors to the Library is 1,250, and that of these 568 apply for books, while 682 content themselves with the magazines. On an average, each applicant for books hands in 1·46 reader's tickets, and receives 1·75 volumes.

The Students' Room (27 seats) has up to the present been found equal to the demand made on it, and has been of great convenience to those who have obtained tickets of admission. The number of tickets issued is 960. The recent provisional resolution of the Committee to permit the use of ink in the Students' Room for

making extracts has been largely taken advantage of, and has not so far occasioned any injury to the books.

In the Ladies' Room, where there are 32 seats, the attendance has to some extent increased. There is, however, except in the dinner hour, accommodation for still more. The number of volumes issued to ladies during the three years was 35,156, being 2·31 per cent. of the whole issue.

It is perhaps a little disconcerting to find that, in the first general Report following the removal of the Library into the new premises, it is necessary to state that these are already too small for the number who desire to enjoy the advantages the Library affords. But the condition of the rooms during a large part of 1894 forbids the hope that any further development can be attained without a considerable increase of accommodation. There are, of course, times when the rooms are far from full ; but at the periods of maximum attendance the resources of the institution are severely pressed. It is a comparatively frequent occurrence to count in the principal reading-room from thirty to sixty persons in excess of the number of seats. Readers may be seen sitting on and below the circular stairs, standing in the passages, maintaining an uneasy balance on the base of the rail, and even prone on the floor—truly a pursuit of knowledge under difficulties.

Notwithstanding the provision afforded by the Students' Room, there can be no doubt that this crowded state of the room has a prejudicial effect on the usefulness of the Library as an institution for study and research ; and that its value would be much increased if means could be found to effect a further separation of reading for amusement and pastime from that which has some serious object in view. The establishment of a good news-room would go far to relieve the pressure on the Library, and would be quite consistent with the Constitution, which authorises the provision of "all modern accessories." In the Reference Library at Liverpool a similar difficulty was some years ago happily solved by the erection of an additional reading-room, and a kind of classification of the reading, which incidentally effected a classification of the readers also. In the original room is continued the issue of prose fiction, and volumes of the illustrated periodicals, etc. ; in the new room are issued works in theology, history, science, art,—generally, the more serious portion of the work of the Library.

In the following Report of the growth of the Library, the Morison and Morgan Libraries (referred to afterwards) are not stated in detail, as the classification is not yet completed. It is estimated that these collections will together add not less than 10,000 volumes and pamphlets to the Library, and that number is added to the ascertained additions as "unclassified."

On the 31st December, 1891, when the last Report closed, the number of volumes in the Library was ... 90,537

During 1892, 1893, 1894, there were added—

Books,	10,386	
Pamphlets,	1,768	
Unclassified (Estimate), ...	10,000	
	<hr/>	22,154

By Purchase (Mitchell Fund) (a),	10,175	
By Gift or Bequest,	5,110	
Added to the Moir Collection (b),	6,869	
	<hr/>	22,154

In Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History,	1,353	
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	1,639	
Sociology, including Law, Commerce, Education, etc., ...	1,664	
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	4,529	
Poetry and the Drama,	604	
Linguistics,	176	
Prose Fiction,	182	
Miscellaneous Literature, ...	2,007	
Unclassified (Estimate), ...	10,000	
	<hr/>	22,154

The deductions to be made for the three years are:—

Books worn out,	217	
Stolen or mutilated,	16	
Duplicates, etc., withdrawn, ...	10	
Lost, no clue,	1	
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The net additions thus being, 21,910

And the number of volumes in the Library at 31st December, 1894 (c), 112,447

(a) Including 4,000 (estimate) unclassified.

(b) Including 6,000 (estimate) unclassified.

(c) Not including uncatalogued duplicates.

The following are the classifications of the Library at that date :—

Books,	80,563
Pamphlets,	21,884
Unclassified (Estimate),	10,000
	———— 112,447
Purchased (Mitchell Fund) (a),	64,980
Received by Gift or Bequest (b),	29,014
The Moir Collection (c),	18,453
	———— 112,447
Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History,	15,096
History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels,	18,899
Law, Politics, Sociology, Commerce,	14,914
Arts, Sciences, Natural History,	20,812
Poetry and the Drama, including the “Poets’ Corner,”	11,321
Linguistics,	1,512
Prose Fiction,	1,074
Miscellaneous Literature,	18,819
Unclassified (Estimate),	10,000
	———— 112,447

The number of separate works, as distinguished from volumes, is estimated at about 63,000.

The additions made to the Poet’s Corner bring up the contents to 6,075, of which 1,151 are directly relating to Burns.

The collection of Glasgow books now contains 5,226 volumes ; and the productions of the Glasgow press before the present century in the Library number 1,412 volumes.

Perhaps the most important single accession to the Library in the three years consists of a complete set of the Transactions [at large] of the Royal Society, from 1665, in 183 volumes. This, with some other valuable books, was purchased from the balance remaining of the legacy of £500 left by the late Councillor Logan. To commemorate Councillor Logan’s bequest, a special label was

(a) Including volumes received in exchange for duplicates purchased ; including also 4,000 volumes (estimate) not yet classified.

(b) Including volumes received in exchange for duplicates bequeathed or presented.

(c) Including 6,000 volumes (estimate) not yet classified.

prepared and inserted in all the books bought. The following is a copy:—

The Mitchell Library, Glasgow.

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THE LATE  
**COUNCILLOR DAVID LOGAN,**  
 WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FROM 1884 TILL 1886,  
 KNOWING THE VALUE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES,  
 BEQUEATHED A SUM OF  
 FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS  
 TO BE APPLIED IN THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

—  
 THIS VOLUME  
 IS ONE OF THE BOOKS PURCHASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
 MR. LOGAN'S BEQUEST.

A very important addition to the scientific resources of the Library has resulted from the agreements entered into with the Natural History Society, and subsequently with the Geological Society. These Societies transferred to the Library their sets of the Transactions and Memoirs of foreign scientific societies, the Library Committee undertaking on their part to continue to the members their privilege of borrowing the books, to bind such as required it, and to bear the expenses attending the printing extra copies of the Transactions of the Glasgow societies, and forwarding the same to the foreign societies as an exchange. The number of volumes added to the Library under this arrangement is 2,455; namely, 1,819 from the Natural History Society, and 636 from the Geological Society. The following is a list of the societies whose publications are represented:—

[*For list, see pp. 37-41.*]

The purchase of the library of the late Principal Morison, D.D., added to the department of biblical and theological literature many works of value and rarity. The memorandum recommending the purchase sufficiently states the circumstances which led to its acquisition:—

“The following extract from Principal Morison's will was published in the *Glasgow Herald* of 18th April:—‘As to my library, which, as a life-

long gathering, has cost me, chiefly through the kindness of one liberal friend, much more than £2,000, and which contains many valuable and rare books and pamphlets, I desire that some plan could be devised to keep it in its entirety. If a scheme for some benevolent purpose were adopted, then my Trustees might sell it for £500; but if not, then it must be disposed of as part of my estate.' On behalf of the Mitchell Library Committee, ... the library has been visited and inspected by the Lord Provost, Dr. Colquhoun, Councillor Cuthbert, Councillor Sinclair, and the Librarian. The books and pamphlets occupy three rooms, and number about six thousand. ... The library consists mainly ... of works bearing more or less closely on the subjects to which Dr. Morison's studies were chiefly devoted—that is, of theological and biblical literature generally, but with special reference to textual criticism and exegesis. ... There are some fifteenth century, and many sixteenth century books, among them copies of early editions of Luther's Bible, and other works by Luther; the first five and other editions of the Greek Testament issued by Erasmus; contemporary publications by others of the early Reformers; many of the most important editions of the Bible; Concordances, Commentaries, etc. A special feature is the large assemblage of works on the Pauline Epistles, and especially on the Epistle to the Romans, on which Dr. Morison was himself so eminent an authority. This collection of books on Romans is regarded by competent persons as probably the largest existing. ..."

Another large addition was made in the purchase of the collection of books formed by the late Mr. John Morgan, of Bishopbriggs. A report on the subject states that—

"Some time before his death Mr. Morgan expressed his intention of bequeathing his library to the city, to be incorporated with the Mitchell Library, but did not give legal effect to this intention by will or codicil, and the library passed, with the rest of his estate, into the possession of the Merchants' House. Having regard to Mr. Morgan's intention, the Convener and Sub-Convener opened communications with Dr. Hill, representing the Merchants' House, with a view of securing Mr. Morgan's books at a nominal price. They have now received an offer of the collection for the sum of £200. ... The leading feature of the collection is the number of books on pure and applied science, mathematics being very strongly represented, and particularly the history of mathematical science. The collection contains also many books on astronomy and other departments of natural science. Transactions of learned societies, books on mechanics and other trades and professions, and in general literature, are present in considerable quantity ..."

Apart from these larger acquisitions, many works of importance and interest have been secured in all branches of literature. No doubt much remains still to be done in the way of filling gaps and strengthening weak places; but each year sees substantial progress

made towards fitting the Library for the work it has to do, namely, to serve the city as a storehouse of information, as an aid to all schemes of education, and as, perhaps, not the least of the instruments which are working to raise the tone and improve the conditions of life in Glasgow.

Since the last general Report, two large editions of a "Concise Guide to the Library" have been distributed to readers, and to others interested in the Library. Its purpose is to give some account of the foundation, some description of the building and arrangements, and some hints and directions on the use of books. It has been issued by Messrs. Bryce & Son without cost to the Library, they being compensated by permission to insert advertisements.

On 1st July, 1893, the premises occupied by Mr. James Ferguson, the Library's bookbinder, were entirely destroyed by fire. Mr. Ferguson had in hand at the time 110 volumes belonging to the Library. These have been replaced (with the exception of 24) at a cost not exceeding the sum received from the Insurance Company. It is hoped that the 24 still wanting may be met with before long.

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Yours very respectfully,

F. T. BARRETT.

*27th March, 1895.*

## NUMBER OF READERS, AND OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1892.

(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 520 Magazines and Periodicals.)

| Days Open.     | Month        | Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History | History, Biography, Voyages and Travels | Law, Politics, Sociology, and Commerce | Arts, Sciences, and Natural History. | Poetry and the Drama. | Linguistics | Prose Fiction. | Miscellaneous Literature. | Total.  | Daily Average 1892. | Daily Average 1891. | Number of Readers. |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 25             | January,     | 3,524                                        | 7,626                                   | 1,670                                  | 8,898                                | 2,063                 | 728         | 4,288          | 11,883                    | 40,680  | 1,627               | 129                 | 48,773             |
| 25             | February,    | 3,726                                        | 7,600                                   | 1,750                                  | 8,873                                | 2,320                 | 622         | 4,392          | 11,973                    | 41,256  | 1,650               | 134                 | 46,371             |
| 27             | March, ..    | 3,388                                        | 6,923                                   | 1,800                                  | 9,235                                | 2,080                 | 620         | 4,370          | 11,684                    | 40,100  | 1,485               | 142                 | 47,825             |
| 25             | April, ..    | 2,884                                        | 5,957                                   | 1,423                                  | 7,955                                | 1,700                 | 572         | 3,531          | 8,643                     | 32,665  | 1,307               | 146                 | 40,766             |
| 25             | May, .....   | 2,816                                        | 5,493                                   | 1,254                                  | 7,098                                | 1,451                 | 626         | 3,098          | 7,575                     | 29,411  | 1,176               | 139                 | 37,354             |
| 26             | June, .....  | 2,230                                        | 5,675                                   | 1,433                                  | 6,587                                | 1,474                 | 627         | 3,005          | 7,530                     | 28,561  | 1,098               | 125                 | 35,876             |
| 25             | July, .....  | 1,818                                        | 5,079                                   | 1,232                                  | 5,596                                | 1,313                 | 420         | 2,538          | 6,824                     | 24,820  | 993                 | 118                 | 32,328             |
| 27             | August, ..   | 3,050                                        | 7,538                                   | 1,660                                  | 8,237                                | 1,934                 | 674         | 4,307          | 9,949                     | 37,355  | 1,334               | 122                 | 46,827             |
| 26             | September,   | 3,241                                        | 8,186                                   | 1,960                                  | 9,180                                | 2,396                 | 838         | 4,868          | 11,072                    | 42,641  | 1,640               | 124                 | 51,930             |
| 25             | October, ..  | 3,240                                        | 8,150                                   | 2,165                                  | 9,159                                | 2,262                 | 884         | 4,724          | 11,340                    | 41,924  | 1,677               | 1,436               | 51,963             |
| 26             | November, .. | 3,596                                        | 8,991                                   | 1,972                                  | 10,258                               | 2,982                 | 1,119       | 4,859          | 12,719                    | 46,506  | 1,789               | 1,426               | 55,604             |
| 27             | December,    | 3,379                                        | 8,181                                   | 1,782                                  | 8,914                                | 2,490                 | 886         | 4,864          | 11,601                    | 42,097  | 1,559               | 1,305               | 52,167             |
| 309            | Total, 1892, | 36,898                                       | 85,399                                  | 20,101                                 | 99,990                               | 24,475                | 8,616       | 48,844         | 123,698                   | 448,016 | 1,450               | 1,383               | 547,784            |
| 60             | Total, 1891, | 8,196                                        | 20,445                                  | 4,858                                  | 24,814                               | 5,714                 | 2,062       | 10,113         | 50,181                    | 126,383 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |
| Class Percent- |              | 8.24                                         | 19.06                                   | 4.49                                   | 22.32                                | 5.46                  | 1.92        | 10.90          | 27.61                     | 100.00  | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |
| age, ..        |              | 1891-8.50                                    | 18.53                                   | 4.58                                   | 24.18                                | 5.99                  | 2.15        | 10.60          | 25.47                     | 100.00  | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |
| Daily Average  |              | 1.20                                         | 2.76                                    | 6.5                                    | 3.24                                 | .79                   | .28         | 1.58           | .400                      | 1.460   | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |
| Issue,         |              | 1891-1.18                                    | 2.46                                    | 6.3                                    | 3.14                                 | .83                   | .30         | 1.47           | .352                      | 1.383   | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |

## NUMBER OF READERS, AND OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1893.

(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 340 Magazines and Periodicals.)

| Days Open.                        | Month              | Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History. | History, Biography, Voyages and Travels. | Law, Politics, Sociology and Commerce. | Arts, Sciences, and Natural History. | Poetry and the Drama. | Linguistics. | Prose Fiction. | Miscellaneous Literature. | Total.           | Daily Average 1892. | Daily Average 1893. | Number of Readers. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 25                                | January, . . .     | 3,495                                         | 9,819                                    | 1,819                                  | 9,949                                | 2,792                 | 674          | 5,603          | 13,369                    | 47,580           | 1,903               | 1,627               | 56,583             |
| 24                                | February, . . .    | 3,643                                         | 8,811                                    | 1,965                                  | 9,791                                | 2,443                 | 723          | 5,703          | 13,720                    | 46,799           | 1,950               | 1,650               | 55,218             |
| 27                                | March, . . .       | 4,182                                         | 9,140                                    | 1,997                                  | 10,522                               | 2,589                 | 821          | 5,638          | 14,540                    | 49,449           | 1,831               | 1,485               | 59,392             |
| 24                                | April, . . .       | 2,977                                         | 6,411                                    | 1,534                                  | 8,018                                | 1,566                 | 794          | 3,767          | 10,623                    | 35,740           | 1,459               | 1,307               | 46,553             |
| 26                                | May, . . .         | 2,642                                         | 6,525                                    | 1,406                                  | 8,392                                | 1,691                 | 863          | 4,016          | 9,279                     | 34,804           | 1,339               | 1,176               | 45,999             |
| 26                                | June, . . .        | 2,350                                         | 5,995                                    | 1,280                                  | 7,078                                | 1,658                 | 560          | 3,616          | 8,004                     | 30,631           | 1,178               | 1,098               | 40,632             |
| 24                                | July, . . .        | 2,146                                         | 5,820                                    | 1,351                                  | 6,472                                | 1,254                 | 459          | 3,201          | 7,711                     | 28,414           | 1,184               | 993                 | 37,693             |
| 27                                | August, . . .      | 3,116                                         | 7,492                                    | 1,894                                  | 9,005                                | 1,540                 | 749          | 4,811          | 10,517                    | 39,133           | 1,449               | 1,384               | 50,356             |
| 25                                | September, . . .   | 3,364                                         | 7,530                                    | 2,055                                  | 9,246                                | 1,634                 | 925          | 4,752          | 11,421                    | 40,927           | 1,637               | 1,640               | 51,547             |
| 28                                | October, . . .     | 3,711                                         | 8,632                                    | 2,481                                  | 10,146                               | 2,365                 | 993          | 5,680          | 13,416                    | 47,424           | 1,824               | 1,677               | 57,956             |
| 26                                | November, . . .    | 4,191                                         | 9,017                                    | 2,270                                  | 10,331                               | 2,371                 | 1,052        | 6,307          | 13,947                    | 49,486           | 1,903               | 1,789               | 60,278             |
| 25                                | December, . . .    | 3,907                                         | 8,412                                    | 1,977                                  | 10,049                               | 2,416                 | 1,012        | 6,059          | 13,509                    | 47,351           | 1,894               | 1,559               | 56,140             |
| 305                               | Total, 1893, . . . | 39,724                                        | 98,604                                   | 22,049                                 | 109,029                              | 24,818                | 9,625        | 59,243         | 140,146                   | 497,788          | 1,632               | 1,450               | 618,847            |
| 309                               | Total, 1892, . . . | 36,808                                        | 85,399                                   | 20,101                                 | 99,990                               | 24,475                | 8,616        | 48,844         | 123,693                   | 448,016          | ...                 | ...                 | 547,784            |
| Class Percent-<br>age, . . . . .  |                    | 7.98<br>1892-1894                             | 18.81<br>19.06                           | 4.43<br>4.49                           | 21.90<br>22.32                       | 4.89<br>5.46          | 1.93<br>1.92 | 11.90<br>10.90 | 28.16<br>27.61            | 100.00<br>100.00 | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |
| Daily Average<br>Issue, . . . . . |                    | 150<br>1892-1900                              | 307<br>276                               | 72<br>65                               | 357<br>324                           | 80<br>79              | 52<br>28     | 124<br>158     | 460<br>400                | 1,632<br>1,450   | ...                 | ...                 | ...                |

# NUMBER OF READERS, AND OF VOLUMES ISSUED, 1894.

(Not including the reading of current numbers of more than 550 Magazines and Periodicals.)

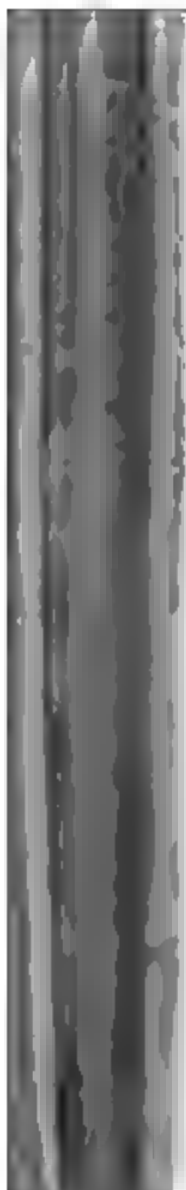
| Days Open                     | Month        | Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History | History, Biography, Voyages and Travels | Law, Political, Sociology, and Commerce | Arts, Sciences, and Natural History | Poetry and the Drama | Linguistics  | Prose Fiction  | Miscellaneous Literature | Total            | Daily Average, 1894 | Daily Average, 1891 | Number of Readers |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 26                            | January, ..  | 4,181                                        | 10,929                                  | 2,525                                   | 11,532                              | 2,799                | 999          | 6,636          | 14,848                   | 54,449           | 2,094               | 1,903               | 65,921            |
| 24                            | February, .. | 4,222                                        | 9,579                                   | 2,445                                   | 11,108                              | 2,766                | 993          | 5,419          | 13,553                   | 51,095           | 2,129               | 1,950               | 58,688            |
| 19                            | March, ...   | 2,832                                        | 6,780                                   | 1,677                                   | 7,892                               | 1,913                | 712          | 4,408          | 9,500                    | 35,714           | 1,880               | 1,831               | 43,537            |
| 25                            | April, . . . | 3,162                                        | 7,064                                   | 2,080                                   | 9,041                               | 1,662                | 809          | 4,650          | 8,738                    | 37,206           | 1,488               | 1,489               | 48,552            |
| 26                            | May, . . .   | 2,983                                        | 7,344                                   | 1,622                                   | 8,605                               | 1,752                | 1,024        | 4,481          | 8,498                    | 36,309           | 1,396               | 1,339               | 48,466            |
| 26                            | June, .....  | 2,707                                        | 6,407                                   | 1,479                                   | 7,696                               | 1,644                | 868          | 3,952          | 8,082                    | 32,835           | 1,263               | 1,178               | 43,096            |
| 25                            | July, . . .  | 2,385                                        | 5,964                                   | 1,346                                   | 6,505                               | 1,459                | 536          | 3,502          | 8,220                    | 29,917           | 1,197               | 1,184               | 40,377            |
| 27                            | August, ...  | 3,575                                        | 8,585                                   | 2,359                                   | 9,563                               | 1,857                | 974          | 5,224          | 12,494                   | 44,631           | 1,653               | 1,449               | 57,713            |
| 24                            | September, . | 3,767                                        | 7,085                                   | 2,313                                   | 9,855                               | 1,917                | 1,272        | 4,731          | 11,699                   | 43,439           | 1,810               | 1,637               | 57,511            |
| 27                            | October, . . | 4,015                                        | 9,920                                   | 2,532                                   | 11,441                              | 2,574                | 1,346        | 5,677          | 14,289                   | 51,794           | 1,918               | 1,824               | 65,795            |
| 20                            | November, .  | 4,762                                        | 9,796                                   | 2,605                                   | 11,056                              | 2,592                | 1,273        | 5,922          | 15,006                   | 58,912           | 2,074               | 1,903               | 65,782            |
| 25                            | December, .. | 4,064                                        | 8,791                                   | 2,348                                   | 10,594                              | 2,489                | 953          | 5,117          | 13,539                   | 47,895           | 1,916               | 1,894               | 59,146            |
| 300                           | Total, 1894, | 42,655                                       | 99,144                                  | 25,331                                  | 115,788                             | 25,424               | 11,769       | 60,719         | 138,376                  | 519,196          | 1,731               | 1,632               | 654,584           |
| 305                           | Total, 1893, | 39,724                                       | 93,604                                  | 22,049                                  | 109,029                             | 24,318               | 9,625        | 59,243         | 140,146                  | 497,738          | ...                 | ...                 | 618,347           |
| Class Percent-<br>age, ....   |              | 8 22<br>1893-798                             | 19 10<br>18 81                          | 4 88<br>4 41                            | 22 30<br>21 90                      | 4 90<br>4 89         | 2 26<br>1 93 | 11 69<br>17 90 | 26 65<br>28 16           | 100 00<br>100 00 | ..                  | ..                  | ..                |
| Daily Average<br>Issue, . . . |              | 142<br>1893-190                              | 231<br>1 7                              | 83<br>24                                | 786<br>57                           | 56<br>80             | 59<br>1      | 202<br>194     | 461<br>46                | 1,731<br>1,632   | ..                  | ..                  | ..                |

ent, 5th November, 1877.

NOTE. Total number in each class at the end of each year;  
Average issued in each class.

|                                                  | 1889                                         | 1890                                          | 1891                                          | 1892                                          | 1893                                          | 1894                                           | Total.                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Theology, Philosophy, and Ecclesiastical History | 653<br>13,069<br>30,686<br>9.40<br>100       | 267<br>13,336<br>8,345<br>10.10<br>111        | 411<br>13,747<br>8,196<br>8.50<br>118         | 365<br>14,112<br>36,898<br>8.24<br>120        | 663<br>14,775<br>39,724<br>7.98<br>130        | 321<br>15,096<br>42,655<br>8.22<br>142         | 15,096<br>15,096<br>561,597<br>8.93<br>117           |
| History, Biography, Voyages, Travels, ..         | 694<br>16,140<br>58,291<br>17.86<br>190      | 458<br>16,598<br>16,744<br>17.79<br>195       | 674<br>17,272<br>20,445<br>18.53<br>256       | 558<br>17,830<br>85,399<br>19.06<br>276       | 559<br>18,389<br>93,604<br>18.81<br>307       | 510<br>18,899<br>99,144<br>19.10<br>331        | 18,899<br>18,899<br>1,230,698<br>19.56<br>257        |
| Law, Politics, History, and Commerce, ..         | 804<br>11,971<br>14,383<br>4.40<br>47        | 425<br>12,396<br>3,839<br>4.41<br>48          | 856<br>13,252<br>4,858<br>4.58<br>63          | 569<br>13,821<br>20,101<br>4.49<br>65         | 611<br>14,432<br>22,049<br>4.43<br>72         | 482<br>14,914<br>25,331<br>4.88<br>85          | 14,914<br>14,914<br>233,117<br>3.70<br>49            |
| Arts, Sciences, Natural History                  | 833<br>15,118<br>68,663<br>21.04<br>223      | 599<br>15,717<br>17,624<br>20.32<br>223       | 578<br>16,295<br>24,814<br>24.18<br>334       | 2,369<br>18,664<br>99,990<br>22.32<br>324     | 1,377<br>20,041<br>109,029<br>21.90<br>357    | 771<br>20,812<br>115,788<br>22.30<br>386       | 20,812<br>20,812<br>1,295,898<br>20.60<br>271        |
| Poetry and Drama, ..                             | 253<br>10,418<br>17,227<br>5.28<br>56        | 160<br>10,578<br>4,386<br>5.33<br>58          | 148<br>10,726<br>5,714<br>5.99<br>83          | 248<br>10,974<br>24,475<br>5.46<br>79         | 184<br>11,158<br>24,318<br>4.89<br>80         | 163<br>11,321<br>25,424<br>4.90<br>85          | 11,321<br>11,321<br>385,068<br>6.12<br>80            |
| Linguistics.                                     | 80<br>1,243<br>7,642<br>2.34<br>25           | 58<br>1,301<br>1,780<br>2.16<br>24            | 39<br>1,340<br>2,062<br>2.15<br>30            | 57<br>1,397<br>8,616<br>1.92<br>28            | 72<br>1,469<br>9,625<br>1.93<br>32            | 43<br>1,512<br>11,759<br>2.26<br>39            | 1,512<br>1,512<br>151,483<br>2.41<br>32              |
| Prose Fiction, ..                                | 79<br>861<br>30,943<br>9.48<br>101           | 32<br>893<br>7,462<br>9.07<br>100             | 31<br>924<br>10,113<br>10.60<br>147           | 43<br>967<br>48,844<br>10.90<br>158           | 70<br>1,037<br>59,243<br>11.90<br>194         | 37<br>1,074<br>60,719<br>11.69<br>202          | 1,074<br>1,074<br>580,276<br>9.22<br>121             |
| Miscellaneous Literature, ..                     | 666<br>15,845<br>98,580<br>30.20<br>321      | 529<br>16,374<br>42,233<br>30.82<br>338       | 607<br>16,981<br>50,181<br>25.47<br>352       | 530<br>17,511<br>123,693<br>27.61<br>400      | 885<br>18,396<br>140,146<br>28.16<br>460      | 423<br>18,819<br>138,376<br>26.65<br>461       | 18,819<br>18,819<br>1,853,296<br>29.46<br>387        |
| TOTALS,                                          | 4,062<br>84,665<br>26,415<br>100.00<br>1,063 | 2,528<br>87,193<br>102,413<br>100.00<br>1,097 | 3,344<br>90,557<br>126,383<br>100.00<br>1,383 | 4,739<br>95,276<br>448,016<br>100.00<br>1,450 | 4,421<br>99,697<br>497,738<br>100.00<br>1,632 | 2,750<br>102,447<br>519,196<br>100.00<br>1,731 | 112,447+<br>112,447+<br>6,291,433<br>100.00<br>1,314 |

d December, 1877.





## CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBRARY.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1874, AND BY  
MR. MITCHELL'S TRUSTEES, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

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1. The residue of the estate of the late Stephen Mitchell, with the interest and profits which may accrue thereon, shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library Fund." The said fund shall, with any contributions or additions thereto that may be made by others, and subject to the expenses of management, form the nucleus of a fund for acquiring and altering existing premises, or for erecting new buildings suitable for a large Public Library in Glasgow, and for establishing, endowing, and maintaining such a Library, with all the modern accessories connected therewith. The said Library shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Mitchell Library."

2. Books on all subjects not immoral shall be freely admitted to, and form part of, the Library, and no book shall be regarded as immoral which simply controverts present opinions on political or religious questions.

3. The administration of "The Mitchell Library Fund," and of "The Mitchell Library" shall, subject to the direction and review of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow, be entrusted to a Committee of their number, to be annually appointed by them, and the proceedings of the Committee, and of such Sub-Committees, as it may from time to time appoint, shall be reported to the Town Council in such way and manner and at such times as the Town Council may from time to time direct.

4. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, shall from time to time elect such officers as they may consider necessary for the management of the "Mitchell Library Fund" and of "The Mitchell Library," subject to such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

5. The Accounts of the Fund shall be annually balanced, audited, and submitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, at such time and in such way and manner as the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors may from time to time prescribe.

6. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors shall have power from time to time to add to, or incorporate with, "The Mitchell Library" such other Libraries or collections of books, or collections of objects of vertu, or collections of objects of science and art, as in their opinion may add to the utility and value thereof, and they may designate the libraries or collections so to be added to, or incorporated with, the Mitchell Library, by such distinctive names as they think proper; provided always that, in the exercise of the power hereby conferred on them, they shall not contravene the essential conditions of Mr. Mitchell's bequest.

7. The Mitchell Library shall be accessible to the public for purposes of reference and consultation, at such hours, and subject to such conditions as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may from time to time prescribe; and for the accommodation of the persons who may wish so to use the Library, a Librarian and staff of Assistants shall be provided, who shall give out such books as may be applied for, and see that the same are duly returned uninjured. The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council may also authorise any of the books in the Library to be lent out under such conditions as they may from time to time prescribe.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REFERENCE  
LIBRARY.

1. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Library, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books, and for all the property belonging thereto. He shall keep such Books of Account and Registers as the Library Committee may require, and shall comply with all the lawful directions of the Committee, applicable to his office.

2. The Library shall be open to the Public from 9.30 a.m. till 10 p.m. every lawful day, except such days as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee appointed by them, shall, from time to time, appoint.

3. The Library Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, unto or between any of its members.

4. No person shall be admitted to any part of the Library premises who is intoxicated or in an uncleanly condition.

5. No person under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to the Library.

6. Every person on being admitted to read books in the Library shall write his or her name and address on a ticket provided for the purpose; and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to these Rules and Regulations, and to such further Rules and Regulations as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee, may from time to time prescribe. No person shall be allowed to obtain any book until such signature has been obtained.

7. Persons giving a false address shall be liable to prosecution, and shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

8. Certain works are only issued after a written application to the Library Committee. Illustrations of all kinds may be copied but not traced, it having been found that the practice of tracing often leads to serious damage being done to the illustrations. Extracts may be copied in lead-pencil. The use of ink is not permitted.

9. No smoking or audible conversation shall be permitted, nor shall any person be allowed to partake of refreshments in the Library. Spitting, standing before the fire, and rambling about the rooms are strictly prohibited; and any person who shall offend against these Regulations or any others which may from time to time be made by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors, or the Library Committee of the Town Council, or shall be guilty of any other misconduct, shall not be allowed to remain within the building.

10. No person shall be allowed to pass within any of the enclosures, or to take any book from the shelves, and no book or other article shall be taken out of the Library.

11. Two or more Catalogues shall always be kept in the Library for the use of readers. All applications for books shall be made in writing, on printed forms, to be had on application, with the name and address of the applicant affixed. The title of every book asked for shall be legibly written, with the Catalogue number affixed to it in the Catalogue.

12. Every reader, before leaving the room, shall return the book or books which he may have got into the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant. No one shall exchange books with another, or hand them over to another reader.

13. The Librarian or his Assistant shall carefully examine each book returned, and if the same be found to have sustained any injury, or to have been rendered of less value by being soiled or written in, he shall require the person to whom the same was delivered to pay the amount of damage or injury done, or otherwise to procure a new copy of equal value.

14. If the figures on the label of any book be altered or erased by any reader, he or she shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

15. If any person to whom a book has been delivered does not redeliver the same to the Librarian or his Assistant before leaving the room, or refuses or neglects to pay on demand the amount of any loss or injury, or to procure another copy, as before mentioned, then the amount of such loss or injury, or the value of such book, shall be recoverable from such person as a debt in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, in which action or proceeding the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the City of Glasgow shall be the pursuers, and the fact of their being the persons entitled to sue and recover shall be held to be admitted by the defender. No person against whom it may be found necessary to adopt such proceedings shall afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

16. When damage or injury is done to any other property in the Library, the person by whom such damage is done shall be bound to make good the same, and the depreciation in value of such property shall be recoverable in any action or proceeding applicable to the recovery of debts of like amount, subject to the provision expressed in the preceding article; and such person shall not afterwards be allowed to use the Library.

17. The Librarian shall have a discretionary power to refuse books to any applicant who, in his judgment, may not be safely entrusted with the books, or to any reader who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Library. But any person so refused shall have liberty of appeal to the Library Committee.

18. Limited provision is made for the separate accommodation of literary men and students, who will be admitted by tickets, application for which, in writing, stating the objects of study, shall be made to the Library Committee, and lodged with the Librarian. Each application must be accompanied by a written recommendation signed by two householders in Glasgow.

19. A Proposition Book shall be kept in the Library to receive recommendations from readers as to any books they may consider desirable to be introduced, or suggestions on the management of the Library. This book will be laid before the Library Committee for consideration at their Meetings.

GLASGOW, *October*, 1877.

#### ADDITIONAL RULE.

20. Persons reading any magazine, or other periodical, must surrender the same within fifteen minutes after it has been asked for by another reader.

By Order.

GLASGOW, *2nd June*, 1881.

J. D. MARWICK,  
*Town-Clerk.*

## STEPHEN MITCHELL:—

FOUNDER OF "THE MITCHELL LIBRARY," GLASGOW.

BY SAMUEL NEIL, EDINBURGH.

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"Thou, too, art a Conqueror and Victor; but of the true sort—namely, over the Devil: thou, too, hast built what will outlast all marble and metal, and be a wonder-bringing City of the mind—a Temple and Seminary and Prophetic Mount."—CARLYLE.

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During upwards of a century, there was carried on, in the royal burgh of Linlithgow, a prosperous tobacco manufactory, conducted for four successive generations by members of the same family bearing the same name, Stephen Mitchell. In 1723, Stephen—the eldest son of David Mitchell, merchant in Mid-Calder—was admitted "to all the rights and privileges of a burghess and guild brother of Linlithgow," and in the same year set up the factory of which we have spoken. The burghess-ticket then acquired, together with those dated 1766, 1787, and 1817 respectively, granted to his namesakes and successors, are still in the possession of the fifth similarly-named head of the firm, Stephen Mitchell & Son, though the business is now no longer carried on within the range of the parish bells of the Church of St. Michael's. The fourth of these old-established tobacconists was the founder of the Free Public Library in Glasgow, which bears the name and commemorates the far-sighted sagacity and intelligent munificence of Stephen Mitchell.

That civic benefactor was born at Linlithgow, 19th September, 1789—the year of the outbreak of the French Revolution, which, as one of its results, led to the increase of the Customs and Excise duty on tobacco from 10d. to 4s. per lb., and by these fiscal arrangements embarrassed home business, and disturbed the export trade. Stephen Mitchell was educated in the Burgh Grammar School. Here he passed through a better than ordinary course of general culture, including Classics and French. Thus equipped, in his sixteenth year, 1805, he was apprenticed four years to Messrs. James Anderson & Co., merchants, Leith and London. In this firm he fulfilled his engagement with credit. By and by, his energy and tact in the conduct of business—especially during the perilous period of the Peninsular, the American, and "the Hundred Days" Wars (1809-1815)—commended themselves to his customers and fellow-tradesmen, and, in 1817, the Court of Guildry conferred on him the honour of "brother and burghess." Business prospered in his hands. His father, after more than forty years in business, died in 1820. Then, in co-partnership with Mr. Nelson Mitchell, his younger brother, Stephen became senior in the family firm. The manufactory was continued in Linlithgow till 1825, when Stephen Mitchell resolved to transfer the business to Glasgow. This

change became advisable owing to the strict supervision exercised by the Excise to restrict the admission of imports of tobacco to a few of the chief ports where there were facilities for warehousing the packed leaves in bonded stores under lock and key in the revenue collector's charge.

Under these circumstances, the firm of Stephen Mitchell & Son, having migrated from the east, continued its career in the west. Suitable premises were acquired in Candleriggs, which was then, in a great measure, the recognised centre of the tobacco trade, of which Glasgow had at one time an almost entire monopoly in the west country for more than a century. New industries had, however, arisen, and capital was diverted into other channels. In such a time of transition, great caution is requisite. This Stephen Mitchell exercised, and, after seven years of progress in Candleriggs, he found a favourable opportunity, in 1832, of purchasing substantial properties in St. Andrew's Square, which he adapted to his business, and fitted up with the most improved machinery. He had gathered together a good body of workpeople, whom he had encouraged to attend the classes recently opened (1824) in the Andersonian Institution for the instruction of operatives in the sciences of handicraft. He introduced into his business, too, the plan of aiding young men—who had shown, while in his employment, intelligence and good principle—to begin business for themselves. Thus, he not only gave an incentive to good service and rewarded it, but secured a firm basis and an extended custom for his own wholesale business. Marked by sedate wisdom, commercial caution, punctuality and honesty in every transaction, the firm of Stephen Mitchell & Son took root and grew, and won a prominent position among the merchant-traders of Glasgow. In connection with his works he established evening classes for the boys and girls in his service, and thus led the way to the institution of "Tobacco Boys' Night Schools," upheld by the employers in those districts where tobacco-spinning was in operation.

It was in connection with educational interests in St. Andrew's Parish, and through the introduction of one of his most esteemed and prosperous employes, then carrying on, for himself, one of the best tobacconist businesses in the city, that the writer's intercourse with Stephen Mitchell began in 1854. Circumstances during an interval of years interrupted this acquaintanceship, but subsequently afforded opportunity of renewing relations of a friendly character, which deepened as nearly into intimacy as was possible with one who, even in the stir of feeling, might "be checked for silence, but never taxed for speech." He had, then, after forty-five years in business, retired "to husband out life's taper at the close," leaving the firm of Stephen Mitchell & Son in the hands of his nephew and namesake, in whose care it continues to flourish, under the same family and with the same designation as upwards of a century and three-quarters ago it had been started—a record rarely matched in the annals of Scottish commerce and industry.

His retirement was arranged for in 1869, and in the autumn he took up his residence in Moffat, where he spent the closing period of his life. Here

he enjoyed long and often solitary walks. He delighted in the surrounding scenery, in which he "found beauty and grace and peace harmonious side by side." In congenial companionship he talked with appreciative insight of books and men. Especially so in the back-room of the bookseller's shop in which the Moffat Subscription Library was housed. That library had been started by James Clarke, Rector of the Grammar School of Moffat (1788-94), at the suggestion of his friend Robert Burns, in the very year of Mitchell's own birth. The coincidence struck him, and he mentioned it as something strange that, in the same year, the Rev. Robert Henry, D.D., author of "The History of Great Britain," by whom he had been baptised, made the will by which he bequeathed all his books to the magistrates of Linlithgow, that they might form the nest-egg of a Free Public Library in his native town. As the Moffat Library contained some books gifted to it by the poet and some of his friends, Stephen Mitchell delighted to handle the olden volumes and to talk of the books that came with such associations into one's hands. He admired Burns, and spoke with admiration of Carlyle's "Essay on Burns." Mr. Mitchell impressed one always with the idea that he was, to use the words of a letter of Carlyle's, "A sound-headed, honest-hearted man, passing his life in silent company with facts."

He did not take much interest in public affairs, was self-contained and singularly reserved—not by any means unsocial, far less morose. But he had his own way of doing things, and either did them, or would have them done, in that way. He was strictly just in his dealings, and exercised a quiet, unfussy, though not effusive generosity. He was well informed on many topics, had read widely, and used his reading as food for reflective thought. His conversation, though not flowing, was simply phrased and much to the point, and when he took anything in hand, while unhasting, he was also unresting, till he had accomplished it. He was, we may state, a member of the Church of Scotland, and sympathised with all endeavours to seek and apply the truth in religious and political life, regarding "the right of private judgment" as one of the most sacred of human interests and duties—if exercised with candour, honesty, and reverence. In person he was tall, well-proportioned in form, and comely in feature.

Though he had all but finished "three score and ten years," at intervals Mr. Mitchell took holiday on the continent—travelling leisurely and observantly in France and Germany. Such journeys quickened and freshened him, and he described with interesting vividness the scenes and circumstances which had gratified him. Sometimes he brought with him books and souvenirs as gifts for friends. For nearly fifteen years he "went out and in" among the townsfolk and parishioners of Moffat as a respected resident. Though years brought natural weakness to his frame, he was hardy and self-reliant to the last. At the March Communion time, 1874, we walked and talked together—and the idea of his "library" was uppermost in his mind. His gait was more measured, but he was still clear-minded and hale. His end came sadly and suddenly. On one forenoon he went out, as was his wont, to walk to "The Wells." He did not

return as usual to dinner. Some anxiety was felt, and inquiries were made regarding him. At nightfall his body was found in the burn glen. A favourite seat of his was one on the top of the rocky ledge of the stream. It is supposed that, on his way to it, he had been overtaken by some sudden seizure, and, stumbling, had fallen over the rock, on a sharp outjut. He had died instantaneously. This occurred on 21st April, 1874. in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His demise excited great sorrow, and widespread sympathy was felt for his near relatives and friends.

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| Interest received during 1892, <i>net</i> ,                                                            | 1,210   | 1  | 9  |
| Sum voted by Town Council from the City's share of Customs and Excise Duties for years 1890-1, 1891-2, | 4,000   | 0  | 0  |
| Received for Waste Paper,                                                                              | 1       | 2  | 10 |
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| Books,                                                   | £690    | 3  | 9  |
| Periodicals (most of which are preserved for reference), | 200     | 4  | 8  |
| Binding and Repairing Books,                             | 185     | 12 | 3  |
| Printing and Stationery,                                 | 63      | 15 | 1  |
| Salaries and Wages,                                      | 1,293   | 7  | 6  |
| Rent and Taxes,                                          | 15      | 10 | 4  |
| Coal, Gas, and Water,                                    | 313     | 1  | 6  |
| Insurance, <i>net</i> ,                                  | 47      | 7  | 7  |
| Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,                        | 1,374   | 9  | 10 |
| Incidental and Petty Expenses,                           | 90      | 8  | 4  |
| Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,                     | 120     | 0  | 0  |
| New Premises in Miller Street,                           | 1,845   | 15 | 7  |
|                                                          | <hr/>   |    |    |
|                                                          | £6,239  | 16 | 5  |
| Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1892,          | 41,895  | 3  | 4  |
|                                                          | <hr/>   |    |    |
|                                                          | £48,134 | 19 | 9  |

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### Payments from Commencement in 1874 to 30th Nov., 1892.

|                                                  |         |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| Books,                                           | £13,016 | 1  | 1  |
| Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference), | 2,604   | 0  | 5  |
| Binding and Repairing Books,                     | 2,090   | 14 | 5  |
| Printing and Stationery,                         | 1,560   | 13 | 2  |
| Salaries and Wages,                              | 15,735  | 2  | 3  |
| Rent and Taxes,                                  | 4,656   | 17 | 7  |
| Coal, Gas, and Water,                            | 2,218   | 12 | 11 |
| Insurance, <i>net</i> ,                          | 1,102   | 12 | 8  |
| Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,                | 7,082   | 1  | 9  |
| Incidental and Petty Expenses,                   | 1,431   | 3  | 4  |
| Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,             | 3,156   | 0  | 0  |
| New Premises in Miller Street,                   | 20,657  | 0  | 6  |
|                                                  | <hr/>   |    |    |
|                                                  | £75,311 | 0  | 1  |

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### Total Expenditure on Books, Periodicals, and Binding.

Year 1892, £1,076 0s. 8d.; from Commencement, £17,710 15s. 11d.

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1893.

|                                                                                               |   |   |   |                |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of Capital Stock at 1st Dec., 1892,                                                    | - | - | - | £41,895        | 3        | 4        |
| Interest received during 1893, <i>net</i> ,                                                   | - | - | - | 1,163          | 7        | 11       |
| Sum voted by Town Council from the City's share of Customs and Excise Duties for year 1892-3, | - | - | - | 2,000          | 0        | 0        |
| Compensation for Damage sustained (in respect of books burned) in fire at Bookbinder's,       | - | - | - | 42             | 18       | 2        |
|                                                                                               |   |   |   | <u>£45,101</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>5</u> |

## Payments from 1st Dec., 1892, to 30th Nov., 1893.

|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |                |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------------|----------|----------|
| Books,                                           | - | - | - | - | - | £483           | 14       | 9        |
| Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference), | - | - | - | - | - | 207            | 0        | 9        |
| Binding and Repairing Books,                     | - | - | - | - | - | 283            | 11       | 9        |
| Printing and Stationery,                         | - | - | - | - | - | 95             | 18       | 7        |
| Salaries and Wages,                              | - | - | - | - | - | 1,386          | 16       | 10       |
| Rent and Taxes,                                  | - | - | - | - | - | 26             | 9        | 1        |
| Coal, Gas, and Water,                            | - | - | - | - | - | 611            | 18       | 9        |
| Insurance. <i>net</i> ,                          | - | - | - | - | - | 52             | 18       | 8        |
| Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,                | - | - | - | - | - | 160            | 13       | 3        |
| Incidental and Petty Expenses,                   | - | - | - | - | - | 78             | 8        | 11       |
| Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,             | - | - | - | - | - | 99             | 0        | 0        |
| New Premises in Miller Street,                   | - | - | - | - | - | 427            | 17       | 1        |
|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <u>£3,914</u>  | <u>8</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1893.  |   |   |   |   |   | 41,187         | 1        | 0        |
|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   | <u>£45,101</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>5</u> |

## Payments from Commencement in 1874 to 30th Nov., 1893.

|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |                |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------|----------|----------|
| Books,                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | £13,499        | 15       | 10       |
| Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference), | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,811          | 1        | 2        |
| Binding and Repairing Books,                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,374          | 6        | 2        |
| Printing and Stationery,                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,656          | 11       | 9        |
| Salaries and Wages,                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17,121         | 19       | 1        |
| Rent and Taxes,                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,683          | 6        | 8        |
| Coal, Gas, and Water,                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,830          | 11       | 8        |
| Insurance, <i>net</i> ,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,155          | 11       | 4        |
| Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,                | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,242          | 15       | 0        |
| Incidental and Petty Expenses,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,509          | 12       | 3        |
| Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,             | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,255          | 0        | 0        |
| New Premises in Miller Street,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21,084         | 17       | 7        |
|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>£79,225</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>6</u> |

## Total Expenditure on Books, Periodicals, and Binding.

Year 1893, £974 7s. 3d. ; from Commencement, £18,685 3s. 2d.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1894.

|                                                                                               |   |   |   |                |           |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Amount of Capital Stock at 1st Dec., 1893,                                                    | - | - | - | £41,187        | 1         | 0        |
| Interest received during 1894, <i>net</i> ,                                                   | - | - | - | 1,150          | 18        | 0        |
| Sum voted by Town Council from the City's share of Customs and Excise Duties for year 1893-4, | - | - | - | 2,000          | 0         | 0        |
| Received for Waste Paper,                                                                     | - | - | - | 1              | 2         | 6        |
| Received for Old Chairs sold,                                                                 | - | - | - | 5              | 10        | 0        |
|                                                                                               |   |   |   | <b>£44,344</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>6</b> |

### Payments from 1st Dec., 1893, to 30th Nov., 1894.

|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Books,                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | £649  | 16 | 0  |
| Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference), | - | - | - | - | - | - | 221   | 0  | 6  |
| Binding and Repairing Books,                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | 270   | 11 | 3  |
| Printing and Stationery,                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56    | 17 | 11 |
| Salaries and Wages,                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,425 | 19 | 4  |
| Taxes,                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30    | 10 | 4  |
| Coal, Gas, and Water,                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 334   | 6  | 1  |
| Insurance, <i>net</i> ,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 48    | 4  | 2  |
| Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,                | - | - | - | - | - | - | 177   | 5  | 5  |
| Incidental and Petty Expenses,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 89    | 0  | 3  |
| Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,             | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45    | 14 | 10 |

|                                                 |   |   |   |                |           |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------|-----------|----------|
|                                                 |   |   |   | <b>£3,349</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>1</b> |
| Amount of Capital Stock at 30th November, 1894, | - | - | - | <b>40,995</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b> |
|                                                 |   |   |   | <b>£44,344</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>6</b> |

### Payments from Commencement in 1874 to 30th Nov., 1894.

|                                                  |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|----|----|
| Books,                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | £14,149 | 11 | 10 |
| Periodicals (bound and preserved for reference), | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,032   | 1  | 8  |
| Binding and Repairing Books,                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,644   | 17 | 5  |
| Printing and Stationery,                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,713   | 9  | 8  |
| Salaries and Wages,                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18,547  | 18 | 5  |
| Rent and Taxes,                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4,713   | 17 | 0  |
| Coal, Gas, and Water,                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,164   | 17 | 9  |
| Insurance, <i>net</i> ,                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,203   | 15 | 6  |
| Fittings, Furniture, and Repairs,                | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,420   | 0  | 5  |
| Incidental and Petty Expenses,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,598   | 12 | 6  |
| Annuities under Mr. Mitchell's Will,             | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,300   | 14 | 10 |
| New Premises in Miller Street,                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | 21,084  | 17 | 7  |

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### Total Expenditure on Books, Periodicals, and Binding.


Year 1894, £1,141 7s. 9d. ; from Commencement, £19,826 10s. 11d.

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# FORM OF BEQUEST.



*I give and bequeath to the Lord Provost, Magistrates,  
and Town Council of the City of Glasgow, the Sum of*  
  
*for the benefit of the Mitchell Library of said City, to be  
expended in the purchase of Books, or otherwise, as they  
may deem expedient for the enlargement and greater  
efficiency of the said Mitchell Library.*



*Donations of Books may be intimated to the Convener,  
Councillor GRAHAM, 108 Eglinton Street; or to the  
Librarian, at the Library, 21 Miller Street; and will  
be gladly received and acknowledged by the Committee.*

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